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SUWON CAPTURED BY NORTH KOREAN REDS

City and airfield taken following day-long battle

PATROLS HEAD SOUTH

Tokyo, July 4.

Suwon and its important airfield fell to the North Korean Reds today, a spokesman for General MacArthur's advanced headquarters in Korea announced.

He said the Communist victory followed a day-long battle with all elements of four or five South Korean divisions.

The Reds quickly sent patrols on South, toward American outposts.

The spokesman added no American troops were involved and—despite an earlier announcement here, that Yanks had seen minor action—that no GIs had yet been in combat in Korea.

(There was no quick explanation of these conflicting statements by Headquarters spokesmen—one in Korea, the other in Tokyo.)

The spokesman announcing Suwon's fall added these details:

Six Red tanks entered Suwon—only 20 miles South of Seoul, the fallen South Korean capital. The spokesman said he believed the latest Red thrust indicated the Communists are "pushing with all they have all along the line."

Red patrols have advanced about five miles South of Suwon, the spokesman went on, adding he "doubts the North Koreans will stop at Suwon as they did at Seoul."

He said Red troops today made up "the most effective concentration and if not the largest, very close to the largest concentration" the Communists have used since they started their attack from North Korea 10 days ago.

Pyeongyang raided

North Korea's Radio broadcast that its capital, Pyongyang, was heavily hit for the fifth time, by U.S. bombers. It said 30 planes dropped more than 600 bombs.

Later, the Red broadcast said, "the planes dropped rocket bombs and machine-gunned buildings and people."

Before Suwon's fall was announced, a MacArthur spokesman in Tokyo had said American troops had gone into combat and indicated the engagement was near Suwon.

The advance headquarters spokesman said that today's Communist effort was "a real, honest-to-God punch." Patrols sped up on five miles Southward.

The Communist lunge against Suwon held to the pattern the Communists have followed in their previous drive Southward. Tanks pushed forward, driving the Southerners back. In past moves, Communist troops have usually followed closely behind the tanks.

The spokesman was unable to say if Red infantry had entered Suwon, but it can be presumed that Red soldiers are not far outside. The presence of Red patrols five miles South of Suwon indicated that the infantry is not far behind the tanks and possibly passed them at Suwon.

The march into Suwon puts the Communists well South of the Southerners' Han river defense line, which has been crumbling slowly for days.

Today's attack was made along the road South from Yongdungpo, where they had crossed the Han a few days ago.

The weather

At 6000 GMT (2 p.m. HKST)—from an anticyclone to the East of Japan, a ridge extends SW across Formosa and into the China Sea. A trough of low pressure extends Westward across Luzon.

Today's Forecast—Light S or SW with moderate at times. Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 82.4 deg. F., Minimum 72.8 deg. F., Rainfall 0.2 in.

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British frigate attacked by N. Korean planes

Tokyo, July 4.

It was reliably learned that two North Korean planes attacked a British frigate which was patrolling the coast of Korea, inflicting some damage.—Reuter.

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GIs clash with Red guerillas

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United States infantry fought off a Communist guerilla attack today, and braced to meet the full force of the North Korean army, believed to be only 16 miles away after capturing strategic Suwon.

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MacArthur's warning on mistreatment of Allied war prisoners

Tokyo, July 4.

General Douglas MacArthur said today he would hold North Koreans responsible for any mistreatment of Americans or other armed forces under his command in the Korean war.

"Personnel of the armed forces of North Korea and other persons of North Korea who are taken into custody or fall into the hands of armed forces now under my operational control in connection with the hostilities in Korea will be treated in accordance with humanitarian principles, applied by and recognised by civilised nations involved in an armed conflict," SCAP's announcement said.

The announcement continued:

"I will expect similar treatment for American nationals and members of the armed forces of the United States as well as other nationalities and members of other armed forces who may join the United States in the Korean conflict and who may at any time be in North Korea."

"Operating in pursuance to resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council and as

commander of forces placed under my command by such resolutions, I will hold responsible any individual acting for North Korea who deviates from these principles, and any persons who are guilty of deviation from such principles."

Signed, General Douglas MacArthur.

Meanwhile, frontline reports have said that few prisoners are being taken by either side. However, several foreigners believed to have been in Seoul, which now is in North Korean hands, are not accounted for and are believed to be prisoners.

The statement by General MacArthur indicated that he planned to treat those who violated the rules and regulations covering prisoners as war criminals and would try them as he did these Japanese who mistreated Americans and other Allied prisoners who fell into Japanese hands in World War II. This would mean North Koreans apprehended and charged with war crimes—including mistreatment of prisoners—would be tried before war crimes courts.

Whether violators of the rules would be tried by American military courts or some tribunal under the United Nations was not indicated.—United Press.

Red planes with Allied markings?

Tokyo, July 4.

Investigation is underway to determine if identity of planes which blew up a South Korean ammunition train and strafed American infantry yesterday.

A spokesman said today one American was wounded in the foot.

Several witnesses said the planes bore the Royal Australian Air Force symbols. However, the spokesman said bullets recovered from the strafed area were definitely North Korean.

This raised the possibility the North Koreans might be using Allied markings to confuse General MacArthur's forces.

No American air strikes along the front were announced today because the air effort had been directed to "more strategic targets," the spokesman said.

Lieutenant General H. C. W. Robertson, chief of the British occupation forces in Japan, said today that "from reports reaching me, there were the Australian planes in the air yesterday, but the time when they were in the air was not known."

American and Australian fighter planes were seen strafing North Korean positions and a bomber yesterday, American officials said.

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GROMYKO CHARGES U.S. WITH AGGRESSION AGAINST KOREA, CHINA

London, July 4.

Russia called on the United Nations Security Council today to order American armed forces out of Korea.

A lengthy statement by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei A. Gromyko, charged the United States was making war against the Korean people and carrying out "direct aggression" against both Korea and Communist China.

Mr. Gromyko called on the United Nations Security Council to demand "the unconditional cessation of American military intervention and the withdrawal of the American armed forces from Korea."

He said Russia had expressed her attitude toward the Korean affair in her June 20 reply to the U.S. note asking Soviet intervention to halt the North Korean invasion.

In the Russian reply, the Soviet Government said it could not interfere in the affairs of Korea.

Mr. Gromyko said: "It follows from the above that the Government of the United States of America has committed a hostile act against peace and that it bears the responsibility for the armed aggression it has committed."

"The United Nations will only fulfil its obligation to maintain peace if the Security Council demands the unconditional cessation of military intervention and the immediate withdrawal of the American armed forces from Korea."

The statement, distributed by the Soviet news agency Tass, claimed the U.S. was seeking to gain control of all of Korea for its use as a military bridgehead in the Far East.

"Aggression against China"

Mr. Gromyko said President Truman's order to the U.S. Navy to neutralize the island of Taiwan meant the occupation of "that part of the territory of China which is under the sovereignty of the Chinese people."

He added, "constitutes direct aggression against China."

(Both American and United Nations observers had previously charged the Communist-led North Koreans with opening the fighting with an invasion across the 38th Parallel that separates Russian dominated North Korea and U.S. backed South Korea.)

The Security Council on June 27 adopted a U.S. resolution calling for military support of the South Koreans.

Mr. Gromyko termed the Council an "obedient instrument of the policy of the American ruling circles who act as violators of the peace—an instrument employed by the United States ruling circles with the object of unleashing war."

The statement accused the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, of "obediently" assisting in "gross violation of the (U.N.) Charter by the Government of the United States and by other members of the Security Council."

Mr. Gromyko repeated previous Russian charges that the Security Council call for military aid was illegal because Nationalist China cast the seventh and deciding vote on the U.S. resolution and because Russia was absent from the meeting.

The statement attacked President Truman's order for stepped-up military supplies to the Philippines and Indo-China.

Aid to the Philippines, Mr. Gromyko contended, was destined to interfere in the internal affairs of the state and to foment internal strife.

Indo-China

American promises to Indo-China showed the U.S. is "fomenting war against the Vietnamese people and has assumed the role of a gendarme in the Far East."

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INDIAN OFFER TO MEDIATE

London, July 4.

India has told Russia and the United States that she is ready to mediate in a bid to end the Korean war, official sources said today.

The Indian offer was conveyed to the Russian and American Governments by the Indian Ambassadors in Moscow and Washington. These sources said that whether the offer embodied detailed proposals for mediation or not was not made clear immediately.

However, the informants reported, this is how India views the situation.

If Korea had been left to work out its own future the present fighting and its ever present threat to world peace would not have arisen.

India regards Korea as a single country, and wants to see it reunited politically and economically.

Any attempt to end the fighting there would have to take into account that the Korean people want unity.

Any attempt to end the fighting would of necessity also abolish the influence of the American Government in the South and the Russian Government in the North.—Associated Press.

CHINESE IN HK SEEK ENTRY INTO TAIWAN

Taipei, July 4.

An official of the provincial government said more than 3,000 Chinese in Hong Kong had applied for entry permits into Taiwan.

The applications followed President Truman's announcement on June 27 that the United States would not oppose the Nationalist Government's request to protect Taiwan against any Communist attack.—Associated Press.

Anglo-French Singapore talks

Singapore, July 4.

A party of senior French officers have arrived in Singapore for discussions with British Service chiefs here concerning problems affecting the security of the area covered by the British and French Commands in the Far East.

The meeting is "pursuant to a decision to increase the information between the British and French Services in the Far East," the official announcement said.

The French party will return to Saigon on July 6.—Reuter.

CrUISER SINKS N. KOREAN SHIPS

Tokyo, July 4.

The U.S. Navy announced today that an American light cruiser had sunk six North Korean vessels, bringing to 11 the number sunk by the same cruiser in two days.

The Navy previously had announced sinking of five North Korean motor torpedo boats, but had given no details.

The name of the American cruiser was not disclosed.—Associated Press.

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Correspondence

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AUTOMOBILE RALLY

Sh—t should be grateful if you would allow me to use your Correspondence Column to bring the following to the attention of those motorists interested in the I.R.C.A. Automobile Rally to be held on August 6 next.

The Sub-Committee have decided to extend both Entry Closing Dates by one week, i.e. at \$10 to 7th July, and at \$20 to 14th July.

Members will greatly assist the organizers of the Rally if they put their entry in as soon as possible.

The Rally is not just a question of driving around the same old roads you know so well—too well—but a severe check on your driving skill.

If you had to get from A to B in ordinary traffic conditions at exactly 30 miles per hour, could you do it?

If you lost five minutes between A and B could you make it up between B and C without exceeding the total time or average speed allowed for that section?

How fast can you go backwards through S bends just wide enough for your car?

Are you sure that your car will stop from a very fast accelerating speed in a matter of feet?

Can you "slide" your car without losing control?

If it slides involuntarily can you regain control?

John the Rally and find out the answers!

Send your entries direct to the Secretary, c/o Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, or to Mr. Du Toit, at the I.R.C.A., P.O. Box 33, H.K.

One last point—you must be an A.A. member to join the Rally, so if you are not a member make a good job of it and join both.

P. DU TOIT.

TAA personnel still held in Kunming

The Trans-Asiatic Airlines office in Hong Kong have still not received any information about the return of the crew members of a TAA aircraft who are now stranded in Kunming.

Earlier, the stranded crew members cabled TAA office here saying that the authorities at Kunming had given permission for the men to return to Hong Kong.

The TAA aircraft left Kai Tak for Kunming some six months ago on a non-scheduled charter flight. When Kunming was "liberated" by the Communists, there were reports that the Philippine aircraft was destroyed by Nationalist bombers.

Meanwhile, there was still no news about Captain Buol, an American pilot who was detained by the Chinese Government when his Civil Air Transport aircraft force landed in China some seven months ago.

Captain Buol was one of the two CAT pilots held by the Communists until a month ago, the other being Captain James McGovern. Captain McGovern was released by the Communists.

NAVY MOVEMENTS

HMS Brown Ranger, refuelling vessel of the Fleet, is due to leave the Colony for Okinawa today.

Another naval craft due to clear port today is HMS Alert which will leave for the Straits on normal routine operation.

Local CAT officials believed that Captain Buol is at present detained in Kunming.



The Officer Administering the Government, Mr. J. P. Nicoll (right) and the Philippine Consul-General Mr. Jose Rodriguez, drinking a toast to the Philippines on the occasion of that country's National Day yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

Americans, Filipinos celebrate July Fourth

The Fourth of July was celebrated in Hong Kong by nationals of the United States of America and the Philippines yesterday in a round of official parties.

A reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden by Dr. Jose V. Rodriguez, the outgoing Philippine Consul, between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Mrs. Rodriguez, at which the toast of The King was proposed by Dr. Rodriguez, and Mr. J. P. Nicoll, Officer Administering the Government, responded with a toast to President Elpidio Quirino.

The Consul Corps, the three Services, Government officials, and leading members of the community attended in large numbers.

In the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Rodriguez were hosts again at a tea-dance at the Sky Ballroom, North Point. Several Philippine dance bands and a large section of the Filipino community attended. The ladies in their colourful national costumes lent colour to the occasion.

Mr. A. Richardson, manager of the Sky Ballroom, paid warm tribute to Dr. Rodriguez whose departure will leave a blank in this cosmopolitan community.

U.S. reception

Later in the evening Mr. Karl Rankin, the American Consul General in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Rankin, were hosts at a cocktail party at the Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, to celebrate the Glorious Fourth.

More than 500 people were in attendance, including all members of the American community in Hong Kong. A band provided American marches and Stephen Foster melodies as toasts were proposed to The King and President Truman.

In the receiving line were Colonel LeRoy Heston, the American air liaison officer, and Mrs. Heston.

The flags of the Philippines, the United States and Great Britain draped large sections of the walls of the Gripps, the Sky Room and the roof-garden of the Hong Kong Hotel while the celebrations were in progress.

OAG INSPECTS TUNG WAH HOSPITAL

Mr. J. P. Nicoll, Officer Administering the Government, inspected the Tung Wah Hospital yesterday. He commended the Directors for the fine work that is being done by the hospital in caring for the sick and destitute.

Living on husband's pension

The story of how a Chinese married woman went to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and claimed that her husband, an ex-Royal Engineer, was killed during the war in December 1941, and obtained \$3,440 from the British Government was related by Detective Sub-Inspector J. Bradley at Central yesterday.

Before Mr. J. Reynolds, the woman, Chou King, aged 38, pleaded guilty to charges making declarations, on November 18, 1947 and on February 21, 1948 under the Statutory Declaration Ordinance No. 8 of 1933.

Defendant also pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretences and was sentenced to six months hard labour or each charge the sentence to be concurrent.

DSI Bradley said that when the Japanese invaded Hong Kong in December 1941, defendant's husband then joined the Nationalist Army.

After the liberation, defendant returned to the Colony together with another man. She went to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and there declared that her husband was killed during the war. She was given \$20 a week by the Army.

Defendant's husband came to Hong Kong from the country to look for his wife and found that she was drawing his pension. He then made a report to the Police.

CONGESTION IN HARBOUR

The attention of all masters, ship owners, agents and charterers has been drawn to the present congestion of the anchorages in the Port of Victoria, due to the abnormal number of laid up vessels. It was officially stated yesterday.

By far the larger number of these vessels are anchored in the Shamshulpo and Yau-mai anchorages. Although these vessels are now manned in accordance with the Port Regulations there is the possibility, however, that some may drag their anchor during a typhoon and foul other vessels lying at the typhoon mooring buoys, especially should the full force of a typhoon come from a North Westerly direction.

Arrangements are now in hand to reduce the number of laid up vessels in this area, said the statement without disclosing the arrangements.

Captain, crew of Ebonal make overland trip from Swatow to Hong Kong

Three Britons, Captain L. C. Church, Master, Mr. C. B. Skinner, Chief Officer, Mr. D. C. Phillips, Chief Engineer, and 39 Chinese crew of the British freighter Ebonal, which sank off Super Loaf Island near Swatow on May 24 as a result of an explosion, returned to Hong Kong during the week-end by travelling overland on trucks from Swatow.

Among the arrivals only one Chinese guard limped while walking as a result of the injuries sustained in the explosion. All the others including the European officers looked fit and well after their being in the Communist-held port for more than a month.

Captain Church, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, refused to discuss the sinking of his vessel, pointing out that the Marine Office here would conduct an enquiry into the incident next week.

Asked about the report circulating in Hong Kong during their absence that the European officers had been detained by the Communist authorities in Swatow after the sinking of the Ebonal, the arrivals said that they were interrogated by the Communist officials for several hours after they had landed on Swatow and that none of them had been detained.

Explaining the delayed arrival in Hong Kong, they said that they were in Swatow for more than a month simply for the reason that they were waiting for the Communist government there to have the exit visas for the whole party approved.

It usually took a long time for the Communist authorities to issue exit visas, especially when, among the applicants, there were a few foreigners, they pointed out.

Travel overland

Captain Church and his party left Swatow on June 28 after they had obtained the visas issued by the Communist authorities in Swatow. As the port was then closed after the sinking of the Ebonal, they had to travel overland. After hitting a mine off Swatow, it could not be predicted when their port would be reopened, the party decided to travel overland to Hong Kong.

The whole party comprising 42 men boarded a truck on June 28 and started their journey back to the Colony where they arrived on the night of June 30.

The journey was a difficult one, one crew member said, as several bridges along the highway had been damaged due to widespread floods in that part of Kwangtung province.

When the truck reached a damaged bridge, the party had to cross the river on boats or on foot and to board another truck when crossing the river.

They were not interfered with by the Communist guards along the road who let them pass after the visas had been shown.

After travelling three days on truck and on boats, the party reached the border on June 30 and arrived in Hong Kong during the night.

Opening of NAAFI Club

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, GOC in C, Hong Kong, will officially open the new NAAFI club, to be known as the NAAFI Club Kowloon, at 5 p.m. tomorrow. The club is on Chatham Road, about five minutes' walk from the Star Ferry, Kowloon.

Built under the supervision of the Royal Engineers, it will be the most modern and comfortable club of its kind in the Colony, and is for the sole use of all members of the Navy, Army and Air Force, and those of Allied Armed Forces. Plans were drawn up jointly by the Chief Engineers Staff and the NAAFI. NAAFI themselves have contributed some \$9,000 towards the cost of the club.

To look after the needs of Servicemen overseas in NAAFI's aim, and this new club will provide all that the soldier, sailor and airman needs. The spacious building contains a cafeteria, where hot and cold foods may be obtained, and where the men, who will be able to choose the food and take it to the tables.

The "Tavern" will be a popular place where the Serviceman can have his glass of beer in surroundings akin to a "local" at home.

Soda fountain. There is also a soda fountain, games room, for table tennis, and a billiard room with two billiard tables. The WVS are to be organized throughout the club floor in cleared and will hold comfortably some 200 couples.

The club will have their own information bureau, where help and advice is only too readily given, and the officer in charge and other amenities, such as the photographic services, provided.

A first class barber's shop is included in the club, where the Serviceman can get his haircut for 50 cents. A sports shop for United Kingdom and the New Territories, and a gift shop, which men can buy the many souvenirs and presents, is also home are other amenities of the club, where prices of everything from food to flowers will be found most reasonable.

The Club, which will be supervised by a European, and managed by a Chinese, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The "Tavern" will be open from 12 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.

Although the club is mainly for the use of the overseas forces, it is open to all British and Commonwealth troops in Hong Kong, and to all British and Commonwealth troops in Hong Kong, and to all British and Commonwealth troops in Hong Kong.

Conditions in Amoy

Conditions in Amoy are so bad that many Chinese families have been obliged to displace of their children, the "China Mail" learns from an arrival from the Fukien port.

Our informant quotes the case of one family which has had to give away its three children to friends because it was no longer able to support them. Another family sold its son for 3.5 taels of gold, and other families have offered their children for sale.

It is also reported that Customs seizures of gold watches, Parker 51 pens and other "luxury" articles have been distributed among Communist officials.

New Rotary President takes over

Mr. A. el Arcull, newly elected President of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, took over the chair from Mr. Fung Ping-fan, the outgoing President, at the weekly luncheon yesterday.

In his address to members, the new President said he could think of nothing more appropriate on this occasion than to recall the saying of Confucius that all within the four seas are brothers. The spirit of brotherhood was the spirit of Rotary, and he took the opportunity to extend felicitations to American members of the Club on this their Fourth of July national day.

Dr. Li Shu-fan, Past District Governor, thanked the outgoing officials for their year of service and achievement.

Mr. F. C. Clemo, Acting District Governor, congratulated the new officials on their election, and wished them and the Club a year of success.

Mr. D. L. Strellitt, the outgoing chairman of the International Committee, and Mr. Robert Chou, outgoing chairman of the Fellowship and Attendance Committee, gave a review of their work for the past year.

RABIES

A further death from rabies in Hong Kong was reported yesterday in the weekly Health Bulletin for the week ended June 24. There were also two animal deaths from rabies.

There were in addition two deaths from measles and one from enteric fever. Total deaths from all causes in the week under review was 370 as against 1,065 births.

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Cowie gives further evidence in case against solicitor

Further evidence was given by William Henry Cowie yesterday in the case against Marcus da Silva and Tam Shao-kwal, charged with conspiracy to procure false evidence to the perversion of justice.

It was the second day of the trial, held before Mr. J. Reynolds, at the Central Magistracy. The case is for committal.

Continuing his evidence from the previous day Cowie said that on May 24, during the tiffin period he rang up Silva's office. Mr. Cashman was with him, and the recorder was set. Someone answered the telephone which was then put through to Silva.

"Shortly afterwards a voice replied 'Marcus speaking'. I recognised the voice as that of Silva. He told me he had not seen his client but he was seeing him in the afternoon and asked me to 'phone him at 4.30 p.m. that afternoon," said Cowie.

Cowie said that at 4.30 p.m. he 'phoned Silva again in the presence of Mr. Cashman who had set up the recorder. Mr. Silva said he thought the fees were high and he suggested \$2,000. He asked Cowie not to be too hard.

"I asked him what he exactly wanted me to say, and he replied he would speak to me personally," said Cowie.

"I asked him when we could meet, and I said 'probably you want me to come on an emergency stopping'. What his reply was I cannot remember. We finally arranged to meet at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 26. He was to come over that day to Fleming to see his police, and to call at my house on his way back.

"I remember saying I had not seen the girl and that I would have to see her before the hearing started. Silva agreed that this was necessary but he did not say whether he would bring her along on Sunday or not. I told Silva I had not seen the girl and did not know her. I do not recall whether the date of hearing was mentioned or not.

"The recording of this conversation over the telephone was played over for me by Mr. Cashman immediately, and I again identified the voice.

"On Sunday I stayed at my house as arranged but Silva did not turn up.

Call from lady
"On May 30, at the tiffin period, I received a telephone call from a lady. I told Mr. Cashman of this. The conversation was not recorded. As a result of this conversation I was at my house on May 31 at 7.30 p.m.

"Before that hour, however, the recorder was set up in another room, and a microphone was installed in my sitting room. This was done by Police Superintendent Tebbutt, Mr. Cashman and a police sub-inspector.

"At 7.30 p.m. I was in the living room by myself. Concealed in my bed room were Mr. Maxwell and three other police officers.

"A Chinese man whom I had not seen before, arrived. He was dressed in yellow shirt and blue shorts. I can identify him there witness pointed at him the second accused in court. He introduced himself as Mr. Lo and said he had been sent by Silva. He entered my sitting room by way of the verandah. At first he appeared to be rather vague, and said I had been described to him as being a tall man with a moustache. I asked him whether

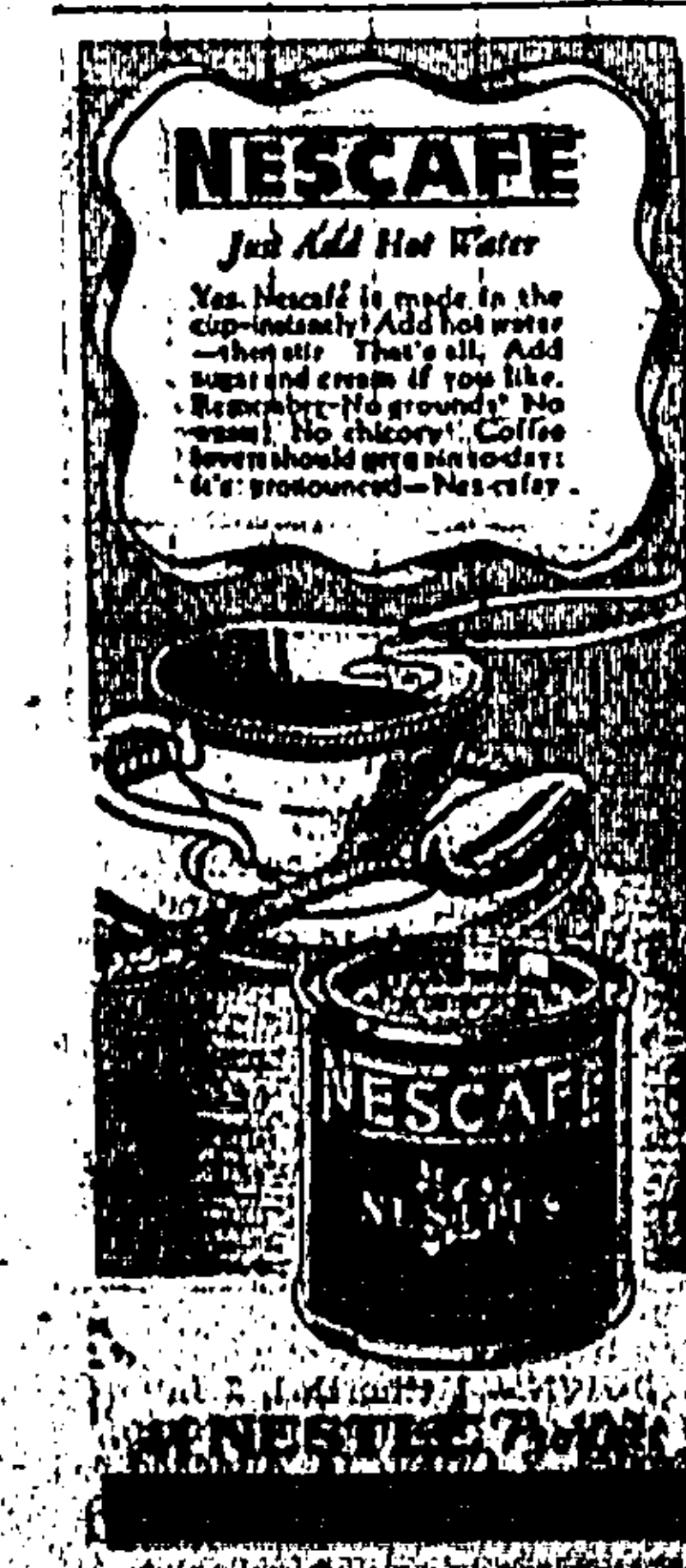
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"I don't suppose you need a receipt in a case like this, I asked jokingly, and he said 'no'.

"I told him I had waited for Silva on May 28, and again this evening expecting to see Silva himself, the appointment being from six o'clock to 6.30 p.m. and he had failed to turn up.

"I said I would prepare the statement and asked him to tell Silva to telephone me the next day at one o'clock in the afternoon. He said he would come back for the statement during the tiffin period the following day.

"I remember telling Silva I would make the necessary entries. I told second accused I had not seen the girl and would have to see her before the case opened.

"Second accused told me she had held a Hong Kong learner's licence, and he also mentioned several Chinese people as big friends of his, among them being S. W. Lee who had recommended me as a driving instructor in Kowloon. He also mentioned Benny Liu.

"I do not remember what time it was he left. He left by the verandah.

"After he had left I went into the bed room and there I handed the statement and the \$1,000 to Mr. Cashman.

"The recording of this conversation was not played over to me until, I think, the following day.

"On June 1, Superintendent Tebbutt came to my house and set up the recording machine and induction pad. This was just before one o'clock.

"Shortly afterwards second accused arrived and I refused to admit him.

"I did not admit him because the machine had been set up and I gave the excuse that Mr. Cutler was in the house and I suggested that he return at two o'clock when Cutler had returned to his office.

"In answer to Mr. Hooton why he did not admit him, witness replied he was expecting a telephone call from Silva because he had asked second accused to get Silva 'phone him during the tiffin period.

"He thereupon left, and said he would return later," continued Cowie.

Telephone call

"At about 1.10 p.m. the telephone rang. Mr. Tebbutt was present and he switched on the recording machine. I answered the telephone, and the voice at the other end said 'this is Mr. Silva'.

"Here Mr. Hooton asked witness what the voice replied. It was the voice of Silva, he said.

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"I discussed the statement with him and asked him was there anything special he wanted me to say. He said 'your qualifications etc. and that his girl was a competent driver.' I said 'shall I include the emergency stopping'." He said 'yes'.

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"Was anything said regarding recent communications from Lo?" he asked. "I had just telephoned a few minutes previously. I told him Lo had been to my house but I could not discuss the matter with him as Cutler was present."

"Did Mr. Silva give you any reason why he telephoned to you at that time?" I can't recall.

"Continuing his evidence, Cowie said the second accused came again at about two o'clock, possibly earlier. The recording machine and induction pad was taken away from the sitting room by Mr. Tebbutt. He met second accused in the garden. The microphone was still installed in the sitting room.

"I again told second accused in the garden that Mr. Cutler was still on the premises, and he left," said Cowie.

"What was the purpose of telling him that Mr. Cutler was there?" asked Mr. Hooton.

Cowie replied Mr. Tebbutt might not have had time to remove the apparatus.

"Second accused came back again shortly after two o'clock, and he was admitted into the sitting room. I told him I had not had the statement prepared."

"Who opened the subject of the statement?" asked Mr. Hooton.

"As far as I can remember, second accused said to me whether I had the statement prepared. I had not prepared it because I had not the time, but in any case I would have to speak to Silva first. He apparently expected the statement and asked for permission to use my telephone to ring up to Silva."

"Did you see the number he dialled?" asked Mr. Hooton.

Cowie said he did not, but he had to dial several times before he got through.

"He talked to someone else first, and then I heard him say 'Marcus' in an enquiring tone. He told him he was speaking from my house and that I did not have the statement. Then he said to me 'Marcus wishes to speak to you'. I went to the telephone and identified the voice of Silva. I told him I would have the statement prepared as soon as I could."

"What did Mr. Silva say?" I can't recall what he said.

"I again spoke to second accused regarding the statement. He said he lived at Repulse Bay, and it was difficult to get to my house. We agreed eventually the statement would be picked up the following day by the driver of his car HK 940 in a sealed envelope. He said this was satisfactory and left shortly afterwards.

"Did you see Mr. Cashman after that?" asked Mr. Hooton.

"I saw him later and he played the recording of the conversation over to me."

"What conversation?"

"The telephone conversation with Mr. Silva on the first and second occasion that day, and also, the one in the sitting room between the second accused and myself."

"On the next day, June 2, on instruction from Mr. Cashman, I telephoned the office of Mr. Silva. I did not know to whom I spoke, but I asked a message to be delivered to Mr. Lo to meet me at 5 p.m. that day in the lounge of the Peninsula Hotel for the purpose of handing over the required statement."

Arrest of Lo
"At 5 p.m. I arrived at the Peninsula Hotel and sat at an empty table. I noticed that Mr. Cashman was sitting at another table. Shortly afterwards second accused arrived and on seeing me came and sat at my table. (Mr. Cashman came over and sat beside us, spoke to me, and I introduced him to Lo. I then saw him arrest Lo."

"Was anything said about Mr. Lo's name when he was arrested?" asked Mr. Hooton.

"After introducing him to Mr. Cashman, Mr. Cashman asked what his name was, and he replied 'Tam'. Later he said his name was Lo. He was cautioned by Mr. Cashman after his identity was revealed, and second accused said 'you've got the wrong man'."

"At this stage witness was asked by Hooton whether the recordings of the conversations on June 1, which Mr. Cashman had played to him were accurate. He replied they were accurate. He could easily recall the conversations and could identify the voices."

"Later in the proceedings, if his words are given permission for these recordings to be played in this court, would you be able to recognise them?" asked Mr. Hooton.

"Yes, I can identify the voices of the people, and the conversations," replied Cowie.

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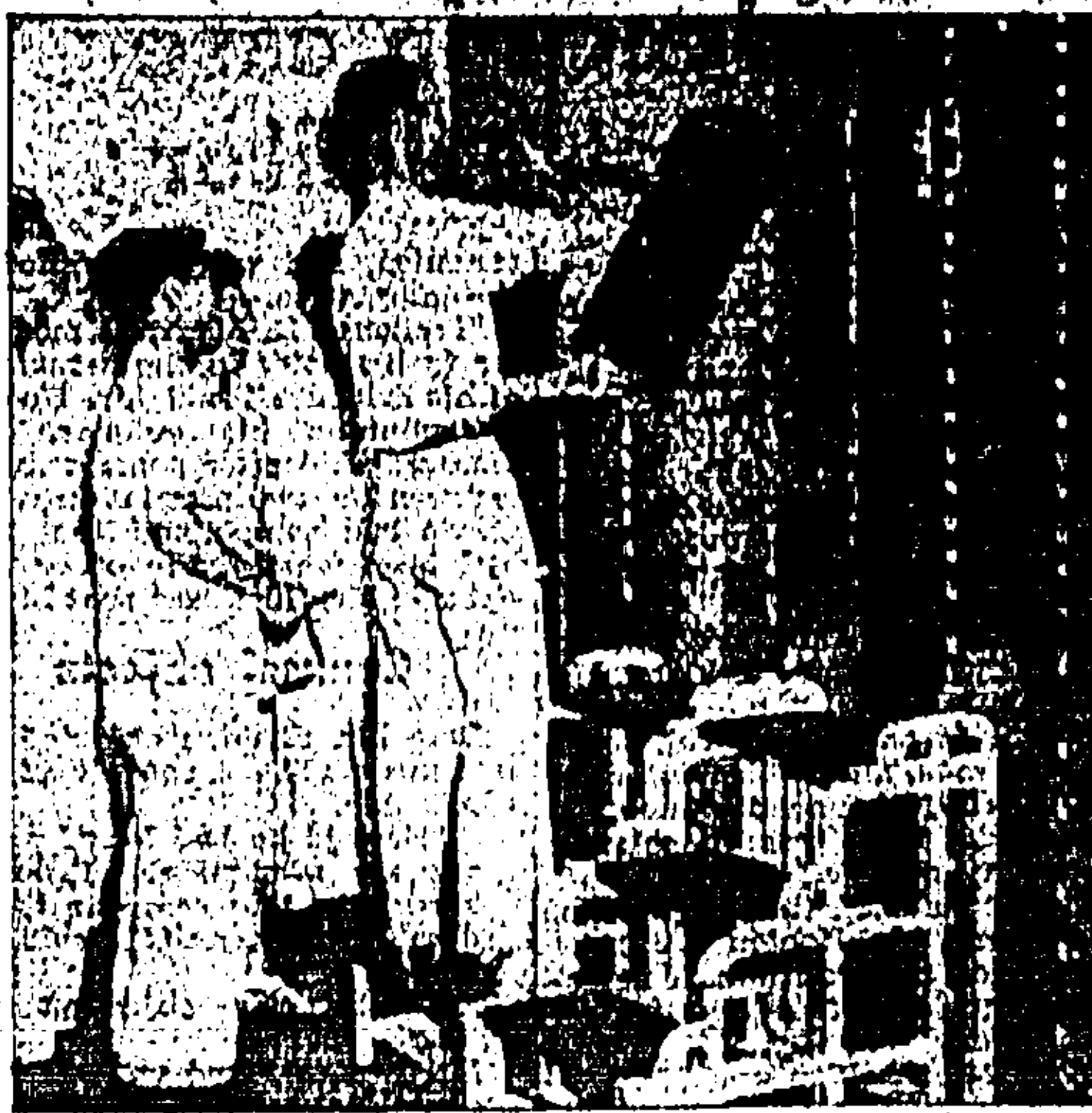
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Safety deposit boxes



In Hong Kong there is still a big demand for private safety deposit boxes in banks. To meet the demand, the Bank of East Asia has just completed the installation of an additional 1,024 new deposit vaults of which 80 per cent were immediately leased by clients. The yearly rentals range from HK\$30 to HK\$100 depending on the size. Here is a bank official demonstrating how to use the safety deposit box.—Roy Teang photo.

New Territories armed robbers given gaol terms

Hard labour terms and strokes of the cane were meted out to five men at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for taking part in armed robberies in the New Territories.

A village woman, Lam Kun-tai, was found guilty of possession of a Mauser Pistol, a revolver and 18 rounds of ammunition, and was given two years and six months.

The jury of five men and two women unanimously convicted Lam on that charge, but acquitted her of receiving stolen property alleged to be the proceeds of a robbery committed by the male prisoners on March 19.

Another woman, Chau Ling, convicted of receiving stolen property and given 18 months gave way to sobbing.

Shek Kun-wah, found guilty of taking part in an armed robbery at a village near Un Long, was given eight years and 10 strokes.

Two others, Yu Chan-fai and Lam Kuen-sang were meted out a similar sentence after having previously pleaded guilty to having taken part in the same robbery, at which HK\$500, \$100 in Chinese silver dollars, and articles of jewellery were looted.

Sentences of 10 years and 20 strokes were imposed on Ho Yau and Wong Wal-leung for pleading guilty to the robbery. In question in addition to another New Territories robbery at Kam Tin on February 8 at which \$1,100 was stolen.

Arrested in hut
All the accused were arrested in a hut near Castle Peak two days after the robbery.

Part of the loot taken in the more recent robbery was discovered there.

The three persons out of the seven who had pleaded not guilty to the robbery, alleged to have taken part in the witness box yesterday.

The jury, after receiving a summing-up lasting an hour and a half, retired for about half an hour before returning the verdicts. The prisoners were accordingly sentenced by Mr. J. Reynolds, Acting Chief Justice.

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European on traffic charges

F. Carroll, residing in Room 302, of the European YMCA, Salisbury Road, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday summoned on three counts of breaches of the traffic regulations of the Colony.

He was summoned for driving private car No. 107 along Castle Peak Road near the Hong Kong Cotton Mills in a manner dangerous to the public at 12.35 a.m. on March 26; a second summons was for driving private car No. 107 along Castle Peak Road on the same night in question without due care and caution and the third summons was for driving private car No. 107 at 12.35 a.m. on March 26, and that being involved in an accident causing injuries to a person he failed to stop.

Carroll, who was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chau pleaded not guilty to all three summonses.

Sub-Inspector B. F. Stevin said that in the early hours of March 26 a Chinese woman was standing on the pavement of Castle Peak Road near the Hong Kong Cotton Mills when she was knocked down by a car travelling towards Nathan Road. The car did not stop but later in the morning of March 26, the defendant reported to the Shamshui Police Station that he had been involved in an accident while driving a car along Castle Peak Road in the early hours of the morning.

At the scene of the accident, pieces of glass and a car door handle were found and when the Police checked the defendant's car it was found that the glass and the door handle fitted the defendant's car.

However at this stage, Sub-Inspector Stevin said that for some inexplicable reason he was unable to produce the pieces of glass and the car door handle as evidence. He added that it was due to circumstances over which he had no control.

Ip Chun, the woman who was injured in the accident, said that on the night in question she was among the party of workers who were picking the cotton mills. Some time after midnight she was standing by the bus stop outside the Mills talking to a co-picketer. She had grasped the pole of the bus stop with her left hand and had one foot on the footpath and one foot on the gutter.

She felt a sudden rushing of wind and then blackness overcame her and the next thing she knew was that she was lying in a bed in the Kowloon Hospital.

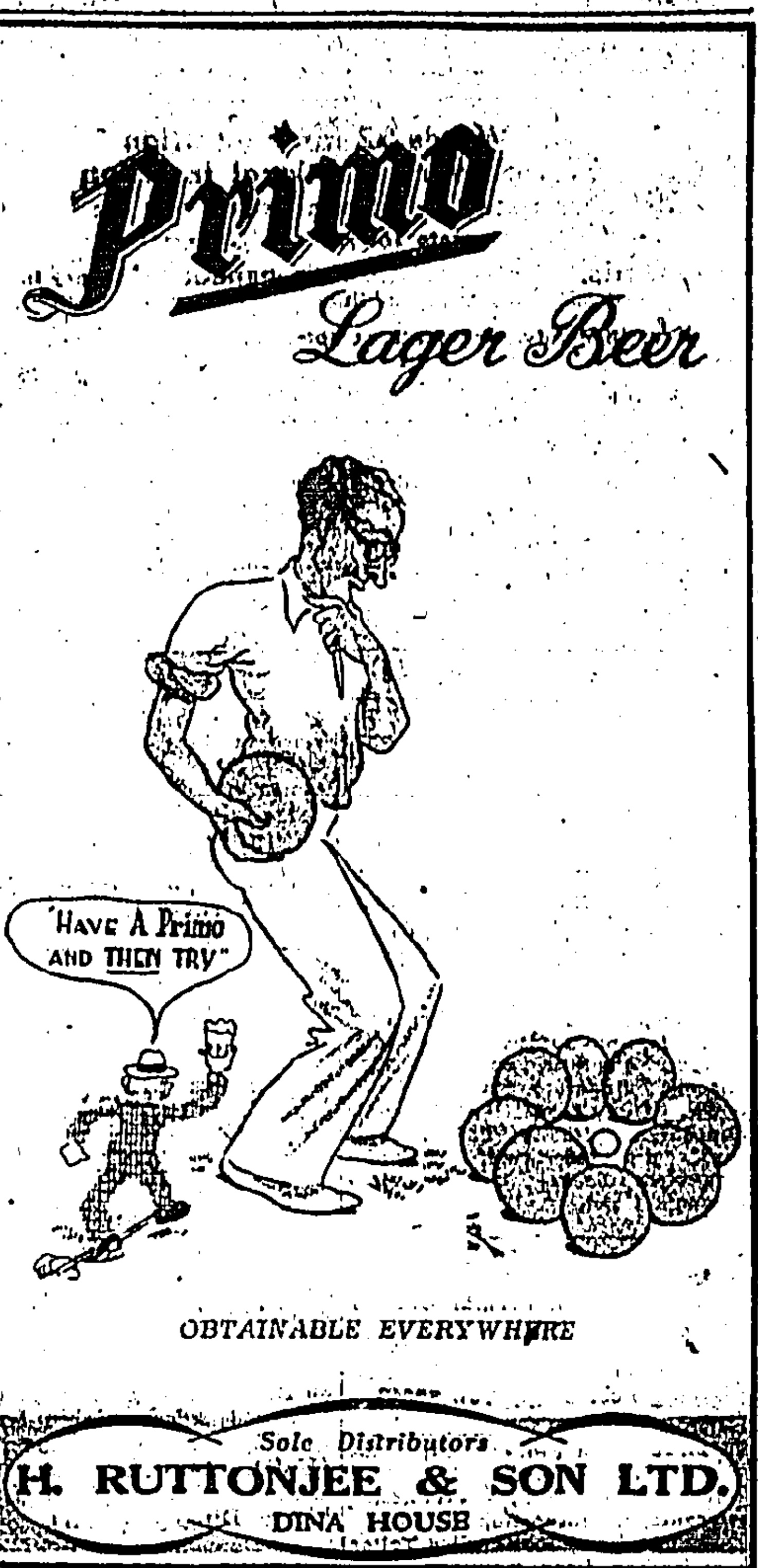
Ip Chun also gave evidence of the injuries which she had received saying that she had to stay in hospital for one week. After she left the hospital she had to continue medical treatment for more than a month. She had a swollen stomach, pains in her chest, her tongue was cut in several places, her upper lip was split and there were multiple injuries to her head and body.

At the conclusion of her evidence the case was adjourned till the case was adjourned till July 18.

Leniency plea successful
Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios successfully pleaded for leniency on behalf of Ngan Lun-po, aged 38, before Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday. Ngan was sentenced by the Magistrate on July 27 on a charge of embezzlement to 12 months hard labour.

Mr. Remedios asked the Magistrate to take compassion in this case as defendant had a wife and three children, their ages ranging from one to five years. Defendant's brother was willing to make good the amount of money embezzled in two instalments, the first to be paid right away and the second instalment a month later.

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European on disorderly conduct charges

S. W. Arnott, aged 44, resident of Room 630, Peninsula Hotel appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on two charges of disorderly conduct and one charge of malicious damage.

Arnott was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner at 3.10 a.m. on July 4 at the Alhambra Hotel and when being taken to the Shamshui Police Station in Police Van No. 8745, he broke a window of the Van, causing HK\$30 worth of damage.

The third charge was that he behaved in a disorderly manner in the Shamshui Police Station on July 4.

Arnott pleaded not guilty to all charges and the case was remanded till July 11.

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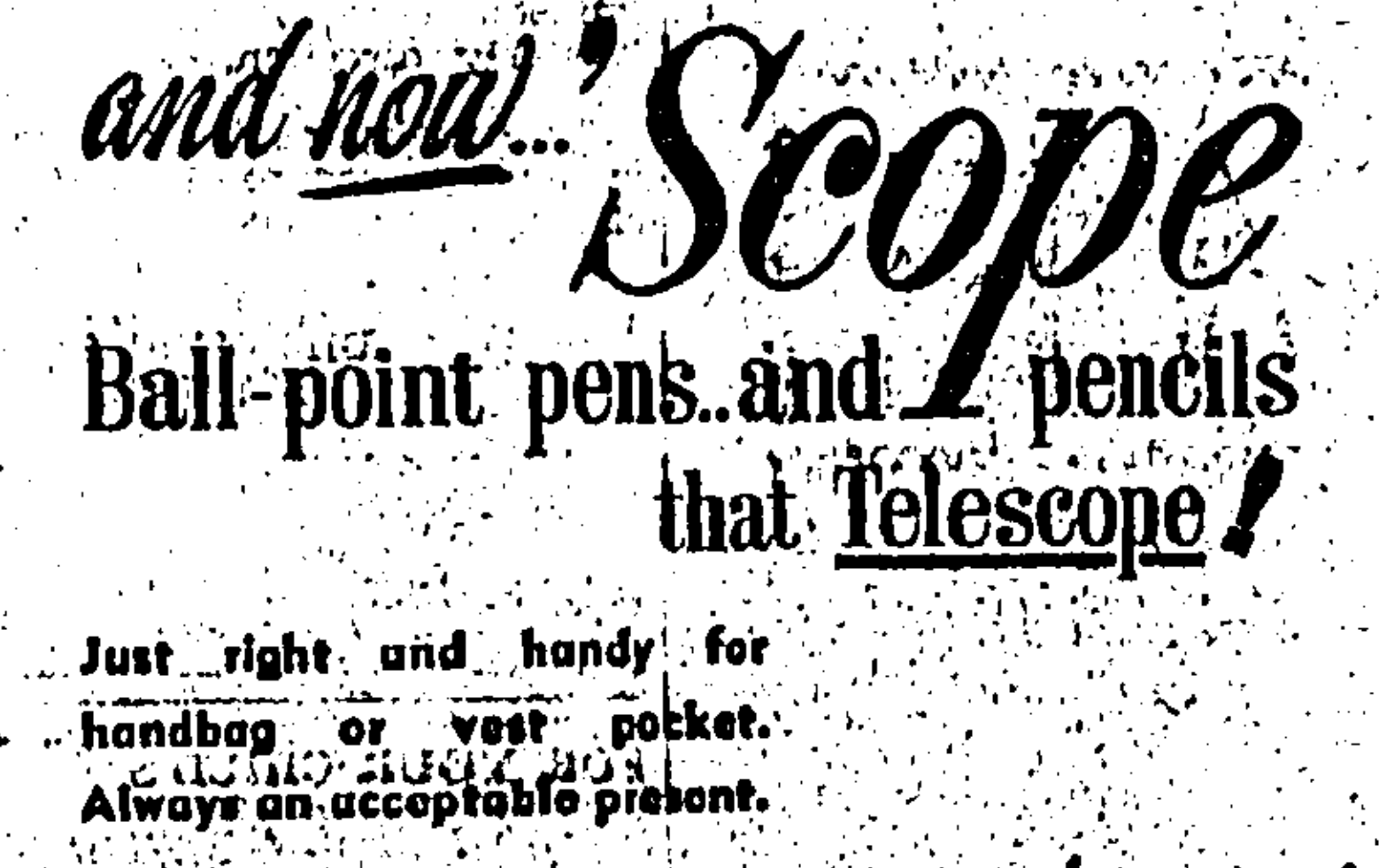
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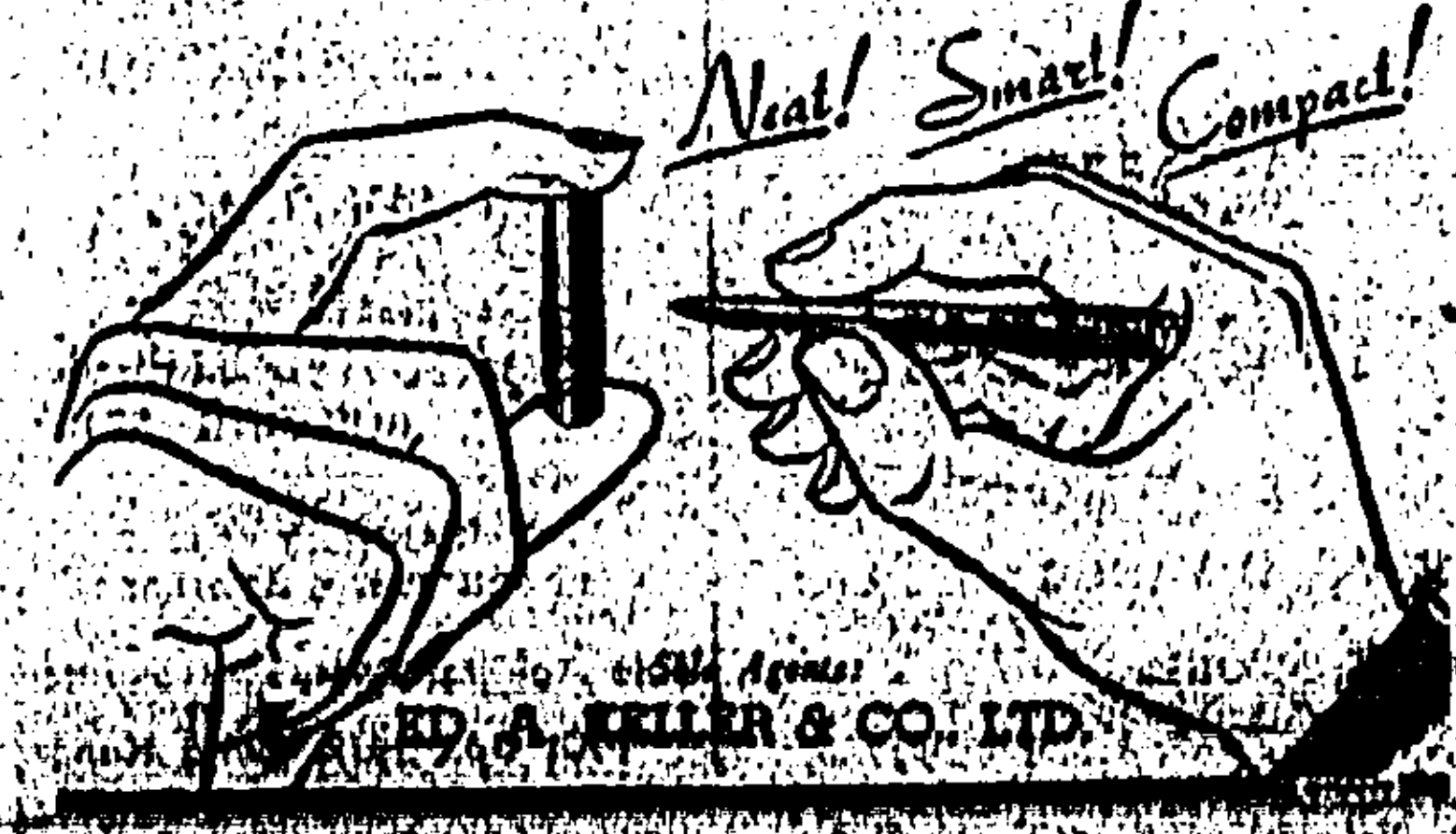
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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. STORRAR,
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Hong Kong, June 21, 1950.

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Cowie gives further evidence in case against solicitor

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"And if by any chance there should be any variation, which would be the more accurate, the recording or your recollection," witness was further asked.

Cowie replied it would be the recording, as there might be many features of the conversation he might not recall, but which would be in the recording.

"On June 10, did you attend an identification parade held by Mr. Cashman?"

"I was on parade, with seven other men, all with moustaches. The lady, Cheung Tik-chen, attended. She was unable to identify anyone."

This concluded the evidence of Cowie and Mr. Hooton asked for permission to recall him, if necessary, when the recordings are being played.

Both Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Maxwell said they would reserve their cross-examination.

The next witness called was Mr. Douglas George Cutler, an employee of the Philippines Air Line who said he was acquainted with Cowie, and knew Silva by sight. He testified to seeing them both in the Peninsula Hotel lounge one day during the early part of May, between 1.45 to 2 p.m.

Maxwell testifies

Mr. Arthur Crawford Maxwell, Deputy Commissioner of Police, yesterday's last witness told the Court that on the afternoon of May 8, he received a telephone message from Cowie, whom he met by appointment in his office at 10 a.m. on May 11.

As a result of what Cowie told him he instructed Mr. Johnston who was acting as Director of Criminal Intelligence, to take charge of the matter.

On May 28, he went with Mr. Cashman to No. 7 Beltran Road, where he met Cowie, but nothing happened that night.

On May 31 he went again to the same address with Mr. Cashman, arriving at about 8 p.m.

"I concealed myself, with Mr. Tebbutt, Mr. Cashman and Inspector Karpovitch in Cowie's bedroom, leaving Cowie outside," said Mr. Maxwell.

"I saw that a wire recording machine had been fitted up in the bedroom."

"At about 7.25 p.m. Mr. Cashman, who was at the window signalled for the wire recording machine to be set in action. I looked out through the window and saw a person who appeared to be a Chinese coming through the gate. He was dressed in yellow shirt and blue shorts. He came up the stairs of the flat, and at the top he was met by Cowie. I put on the head-phones of the wire recorder and listened to the conversation between the two persons. I recognised one voice to be that of Cowie."

Here Mr. Hooton asked if he had made any note of the conversation, and witness replied in the affirmative.

"Perhaps Mr. Maxwell may refer to his notes in the remainder of his evidence," said Mr. Hooton.

Continuing his evidence Mr. Maxwell said after some remarks between the two persons in which Cowie had complained that time had been wasted, the other person said Mr. Silva had sent him.

Counsel objects

Here Mr. Sheldon objected and said this could not conceivably be admissible.

"He said he had heard some one say something. I do not know who that someone is, nor does Mr. Maxwell," said Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Sheldon's objection was noted.

Mr. Hooton asked witness whether he could identify the person who came to the house, but he said he could not. From his position at the window his angle of vision was not clear. He did not see any other person but Cowie and the police officers.

Resuming his evidence Mr. Maxwell told what he heard of the conversation.

"Mr. Silva told me you could do something for us in this accident, the other voice said, and it went on to mention a statement which he asked Cowie to sign. There followed some discussion between the two, and I heard the other person say she was sick in hospital, but the case must be prepared now."

Cowie then appeared to read the statement to the effect that he had a Hong Kong driving licence for so many years. He did not specify the number of years, and that he had successfully instructed a number of pupils. He mentioned the British School of Motoring.

Cowie then said he would prefer to draft his own statement. He asked why the girl had not in fact taken driving lessons with him. The other person replied she was a Peking girl and had left Hong Kong for Taiwan.

"Cowie then said he would make his own statement. The other person replied he would inform Mr. Silva at one o'clock the following day but Cowie asked him to get Silva ring him up."

"I then heard the other person say: 'I will leave this with you.' Cowie said: 'you don't want a receipt for it, do you?' and the other persons said 'no.'"

"Next heard movement in the other room. I heard the door opened, and the conversation ended."

"Cowie then came into the bedroom and handed two \$500 notes to Cashman."

"Tebbutt handed me a wire recording spool in a carton which I initialed and handed to Cashman."

This concluded Mr. Maxwell's evidence.

Mr. Sheldon said he would reserve his cross-examination. Further hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

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NO. 22 OF 1950.

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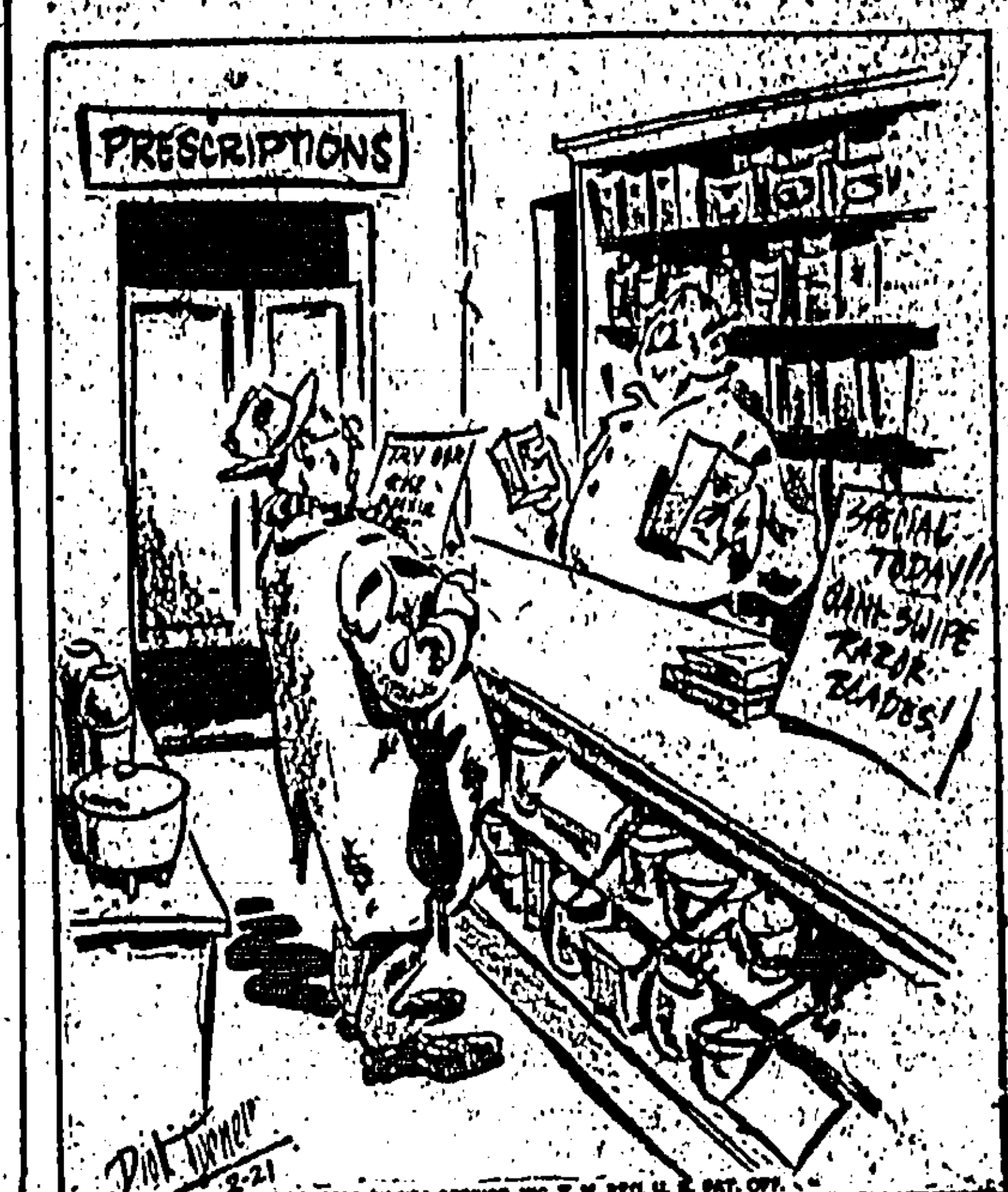
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South West North East
S 8 3 D 4 3 C 4 3 S 5 4 2 H 10 4 D Q 10 5 C 10 0 3
N 5 4 2 H 10 4 D Q 10 5 C 10 0 3
W 5 4 2 H 10 4 D Q 10 5 C 10 0 3
E 5 4 2 H 10 4 D Q 10 5 C 10 0 3

After West made his first error, at trick three, South could have made his contract without depending on a second slip by the defender. All he would have had to do was cash the spade A and K then lead the J. That would have protected the heart Q against a ruff.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 9 8 7 H A J 9 8 D 8 5 C K Q 4
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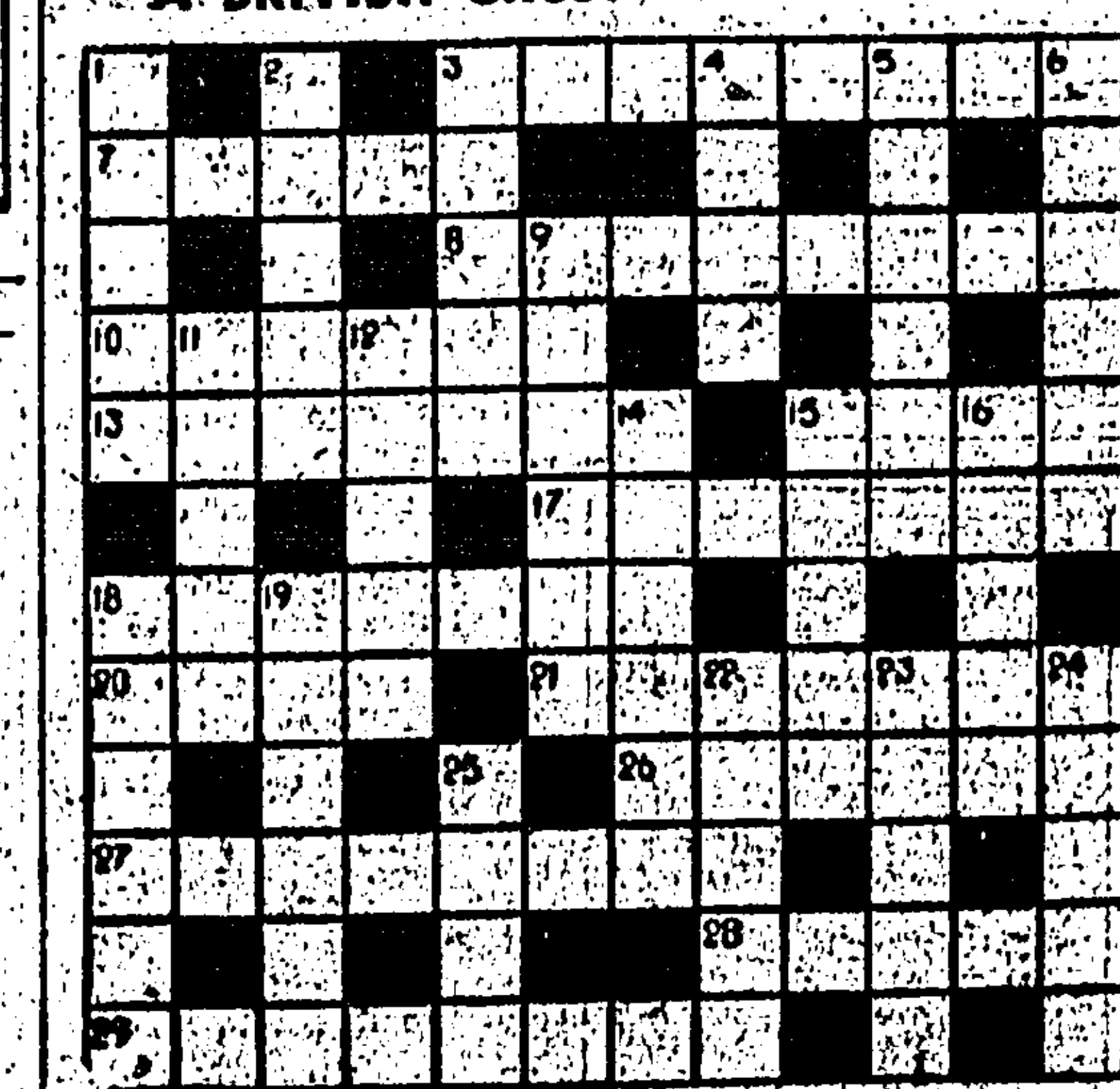
Nobody could explain that bidding by South on any ground except that he totally lacked confidence in his partner's ability to play a hand right. If he needed a sliver of luck, as it were, but receiving it from an inept opponent, so made his contract.

West, who started by winning with the heart K and A, had hoped that a high-low signal, such as his partner's 4-4, indicated a desire for a repeat of the suit. But West also could count to this, so knew that South would

be able to ruff also if he made a third lead of the suit. He therefore switched to the club J, which the K won. South now faced the spade 9 to the Queen, and West had another chance to lead a trick he desired, but he didn't. He returned the club 8 to the A. Now the spade A was an entry to play the heart Q and discard South's last club, whereupon the diamond finesse worked, assuring the contract.

What is correct play by both sides against South's No Trumps? If the defenders had done no bidding?

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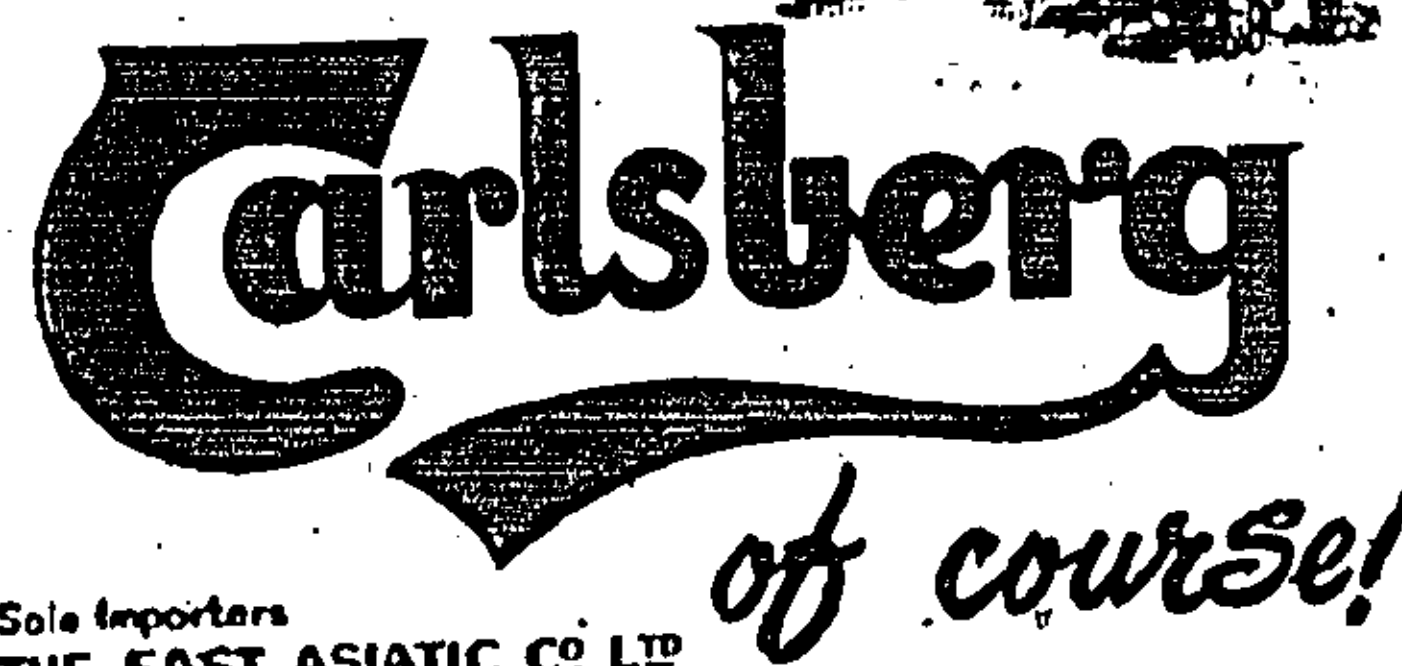


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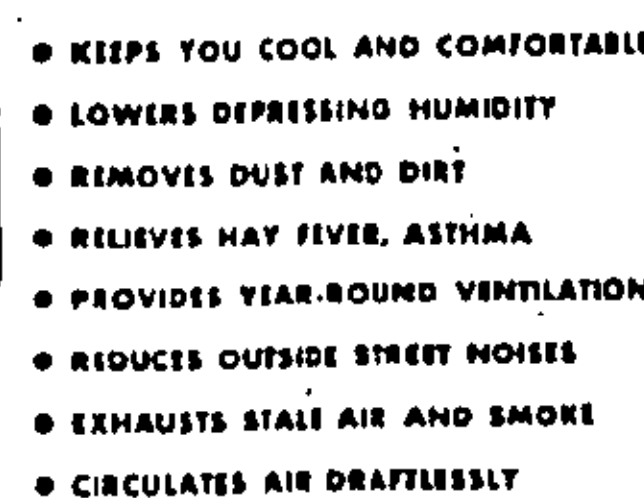
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11 Flat surface
12 Acolyte
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16 Fashion
17 Series
18 Parent
19 Hazardous
20 Cheesecake
21 Tangle
22 Dancer
23 Internal
24 Bazaar
25 Mandarin
26 Mandarin
27 Opera

Yesterday's Crossword
Across
1 Childs
2 Vague
3 Chain
4 Adorn
5 Bury
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7 Harp
8 Bessie
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The intention of the free world is still to check aggression and to localise the episode, and to prove in doing so that not only does aggression not pay but that payment is exacted from it. Meanwhile the North Koreans, like the Japanese at Mukden in 1931, are telling contradictory stories of exactly how "aggression" was directed against them.

One version talks of a bombardment across the border and another of the border being crossed. Quite plainly it was an attack from North Korea, planned for a long

Events were perhaps somewhat precipitated by the defection of the so-called "peace delegation" which was sent to the South Korean border but later began broadcasting to North Korea exposures of the false statements and ideas about the South current across the border. Meanwhile, there is a rapid going on between an adequate build-up of the American ground forces and the onward rush of the North Korean tanks.

untried indefinitely would equally outrage our national sense of justice and freedom.

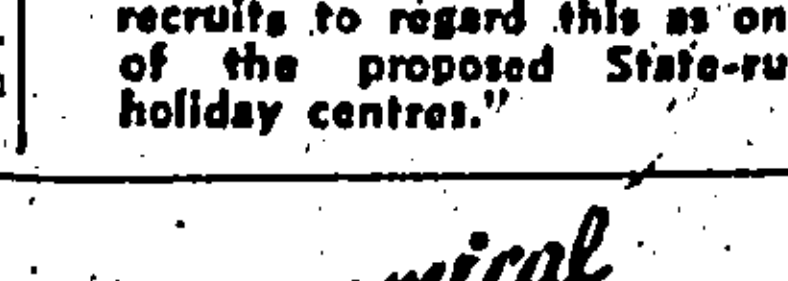
But that sense is being blunted. Britain's present proposal to claim, empowered, to search a man's home without warrant. It accepts Ministers able to punish a British citizen for breaking regulations which Parliament has laid down. It is a power interpreted; and laws that punish backwards, like something out of Alice Through the Looking Glass.

At any time a friend or relative of anyone imprisoned without trial can apply to a judge of the High Court and have the prisoner released. But that court which shall determine whether his commitment be just."

That is a great safeguard; but unfortunately, there are two brakes upon it.

First, the Government in the past 25 years has got corpus, has been suspended. And it does not apply to Scotland.

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MORE OPTIMISTIC FEELING AMONG DIPLOMATS IN U.S.

Washington, July 3.

United States diplomats showed more optimism today than at any other time since the Communists invaded South Korea. They believed the United States still faces severe military tests but has overcome the greatest diplomatic dangers.

Despite reports that four planes marked with the red star of Russia were operating with the North Korean air force, there was a growing belief here that Russia will keep her hands off, even if the Communists lose.

Officials would not comment on despatches from the Korean front that reconnaissance planes with Russian markings took part in a raid on the Suwon airstrip in South Korea.

FATE OF BRITONS IN KOREA

London, July 3.

The Foreign Office is concerned about the disappearance of members of the staff of the British diplomatic mission in Seoul, Southern Korea, a spokesman said today.

It was now about a week since any message had been received from the British Minister, Mr. Vyvian Holt.

The last message from Mr. Holt had stated that he and one member of his staff, Mr. G. Blake, a Vice-Consul, would remain in Seoul. There was no information about what had become of the two men.

In reply to a question he said that Mr. Holt had authority either to remain in Seoul or to retreat Southward as he thought best.

Britain was now considering how best to make enquiries about the fate of Mr. Holt and of the other British subjects remaining in Seoul.

One of the possibilities being considered was that of making enquiries in Peking.

Two British Consular officials who withdrew from Seoul in the face of the North Korean armies and had been untraced for nearly a week have now reached Japan, the spokesman said.

They are Mr. S. E. Faithful, Consul, and Mr. S. Relton, Vice-Consul.

The spokesman said that so far no report had been received from Mr. Faithful and Mr. Relton but that their safe arrival had been reported by the British authorities in Japan.—Reuter.

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But United States officials discounted or denied previous reports that Russian pilots had joined the battle.

Optimism here sprang in part from: (1) overwhelming world support for the United States intervention in Korea, and (2) a hope that the strong Western stand in Korea will discourage the Russians from adventures likely to touch off a general war.

The optimism was tempered somewhat by these discouraging factors:

1. The United States is about to pour out its blood in a faraway land that has little but propaganda value. This diluting of American strength must be counted as a Soviet victory, at least on the physical front.

2. Soviet diplomacy in Korea—at least up to the time of the invasion—had been effective and in general the potentialities of Russia's post-war diplomacy may have been underrated.

3. Fears that over-concentration of Western military strength around Korea might make it easier for the Communists to infiltrate Turkey, Iran or India—China where Red pressure is growing.

Russian calm

But week-end diplomatic reports strengthened the belief that Russia will not intervene in Korea. The Soviet Press was described as indicating that Russians will not get involved. The Russian people were described as being calm, if not apathetic, about the whole incident.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, and the Ambassador at large, Dr. Philip Jessup, spent the day at the State Department, studying these and other diplomatic reports.

One worry was centred on where or whether the Communists would strike again. The Russians, using their Chinese Communist puppets, could provoke a further conflict that would strain Western resources and, at the same time, let Russia hoard its own strength.

Press comment

The "New York Times" editorial, commenting on the United Nations intervention in Southern Korea, said today: "The Security Council is expected to consider this week appointment of a UN co-ordinating committee or war council to direct both the military and economic efforts necessary to cope with the present emergency."

"Such a committee could and undoubtedly would then appoint General MacArthur, who already is directing military operations in Korea, as commander of the combined United Nations forces and channel to him whatever additional aid is available. 'No doubt' each national contingent would still want to fight under its own flag, but side by side will also fly the blue and white banner of the United Nations to demonstrate that the United Nations has the last word of age and meeting the responsibilities imposed on it. It is to be hoped that the Security Council will take whatever action necessary to achieve that end."

Good conscience restored

In another editorial, the "Times" said one of the immediate results of the Communist invasion of South Korea was the quick and drastic revision of Far Eastern policy of the United States.

It said: "The reason why President Truman's action was

greeted from one country to the other with overwhelming support is essentially a moral reason.

"That action has given us a chance to regain our national self-respect. We had looked at the Pacific uneasily month after month. We knew that we ought to do something and we did not know exactly what. We were burdened with a sense of guilt and, what was worse, a sense of shame."

"Now that burden has been shaken off. Our good conscience has been restored."—United Press.

STRANGE OBJECT OVER ALASKA

Anchorage, (Alaska), July 3. Civilians and military personnel reported without official confirmation that a strange object passed over Fairbanks, Alaska, today.

Some people who saw the object at 1 p.m. GMT said it might be a guided missile. Persons who said they witnessed the flight reported that it was going in a South Easterly direction. It passed over Ladd Air Force Base at Fairbanks and an Army camp at Iliamna, Alaska.

The Air Force would neither confirm nor deny the report. Airline company officials said reports concerning the object were carried on their plane radios, but they refused to tell what the reports had said.

Air Force intelligence officers were taking the names of persons who reported having seen the object and were instructing them not to discuss it.—United Press.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Washington, July 3. United States military leaders were called to the White House today to give President Truman the latest reports on developments in Korea.

Mr. Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense, General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Mr. Stephen Early, Under-Secretary of Defense, were meeting the President.

Mr. Charles Ross, White House Press Secretary, said that the latest Korean reports would be discussed. An hour later, Dr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, was to call on President Truman.—Reuter.

SWEDEN AGREES BUT ---

Stockholm Radio said tonight that Sweden has replied to the United Nations aid questionnaire on Korea, saying that she is in full agreement with the action taken there, but does not feel called upon at present to take any specific measures.—Reuter.

U.S. orders more bombers to Far East

Washington, July 3. Washington today ordered medium bomber units of the United States Air Force's Strategic Command to the Far East, the Defense Department announced.

The aircraft will be the first Air Force reinforcements from the United States to be sent to the Far East since the invasion of South Korea.

They will leave from bases in California and Washington State.—Reuter.

FORTY NATIONS BACK UN

Lake Success, July 3.

Israel, Turkey, Haiti and Ethiopia sent messages today supporting the United Nations action in Korea, raising to 40 the number of United Nations members officially to do this.

Four nations have expressed opposition. The Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia denounced the Security Council's resolution as illegal while Yugoslavia voted against it.

Two countries, Egypt and the Yemen, have given no positive support. Egypt announced that had she participated in the Security Council vote she would have abstained.

The Yemen has simply acknowledged receipt of the Council resolution.

There are still 12 more United Nations members to reply. Two of these—Byelorussia and the Ukraine—are expected to declare the Council's action illegal.

In his message to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, the Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, today pledged Israel's support for the United Nations' effort to "put an end to the breach of the peace in Korea and to restore peace in that area."

Dr. Sharett's cable did not make a definite offer of military aid for embattled South Korea. The Thai Foreign Minister, Nai Vorakarn Bancha, informed the United Nations Secretary-General that the Thai Government is watching with great concern developments in Korea.

His telegram denounced the "use of force and aggression against the young Republic of Korea" and said the Thai Government's decision was to support the Security Council's resolution.

"Disturbance of peace, disregard of the Council's order and violation of the Charter should not be allowed to go unpunished." The Thai Government was ready to support "any measures the United Nations deem necessary and will render whatever assistance possible to help Korea."

Thailand, being an agricultural country, was ready to extend immediate aid to Korea by sending food supplies such as rice.—Reuter and United Press.

U.S. WARSHIPS FOR MED.

Washington, July 3. The United States announced tonight that it would send the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Midway and four destroyers to join the United States Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

It said that the five ships would leave Norfolk, Virginia, about July 15.

The announcement said that it was normal procedure in augmenting overseas fleets.—Reuter.

MARINE UNITS TO REINFORCE JAPAN BASES

Washington, July 3.

American Marines were today ordered to Japan in response to a request by General Douglas MacArthur for reinforcements in the Korean war crisis.

The Navy said the famed "Devil Dogs" and Marine air units will move from bases in California.

Simultaneously, the Air Force ordered B-29 Superfortress bombers flown from Pacific coast bases to advanced U.S. bases in the Far East—described as the first aerial reinforcements since the invasion of South Korea.

Air Force quarters indicated that the full strength of the 92nd Bomb Wing at Spokane, Washington, and of the 22nd Bomb Wing at March Field, California, will join the Far East Command.

The Spokane wing has 30 B-29s, and March Field has 45. A Navy spokesman said the Marines were being despatched in reply to General MacArthur's call for additional combat manpower. It is expected that they will start moving across the Pacific in a few days.

The size of the units was not disclosed. The men are expected to arrive in Yokohama in about 16 days.

Asked whether the Marines may join the fighting in South Korea, the spokesman said, "I understand they are always rough and ready."

Two Jima commander

Ground units would be drawn from Camp Pendleton, California, home of the First Marine Division. The First Division is under the command of Major-General Graves Blanchard Evers, who led the Marines on Iwo Jima in one of the bloodiest struggles of World War II.

Marine air units will go to the Orient from El Toro, California, base of the First Marine Air Wing. The First Air Wing is commanded by Major-General F. Harris, also a veteran of World War II Pacific combat. The wing is equipped with jet-propelled Grumman Panther fighters and twin-engine Grumman Tiger Cat and Alligator fighters.

The move was ordered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with President Truman's approval.

There was no immediate indication whether the entire First Marine Division, numbering about 23,000 officers and men, and the entire First Wing would be committed. It was assumed, however, that the Marine contingents would be sizable in view of the decision to move them by ship rather than by air transport.

The decision to send Marine ground and air units to the Far East was announced at the "briefing" at the Pentagon.

Air sorties

At the same time, an Air Force spokesman said 105 air sorties had been flown against North Korean targets in the 24-hour period ending 2 p.m. GMT on Monday. There was no report on the damage inflicted.

The spokesman revealed that one F-80 had been shot and that the pilot was considered missing in action. Eighty of the sorties were flown by F-80 jet fighters and 14 by B-26 light bombers. Three were flown by F-52 fighters while Royal Australian Air Force planes flew the other eight.

The Air Force spokesman also said that messages from Korea indicated that various troop carrier operations are going on.

The Navy spokesman explained that the secrecy surrounding the number of Marines being despatched to the Far East resulted from requests by General MacArthur that only general terms be used in describing American deployments. The spokesman added, "The Department of Defense is in accord."

The spokesman also said the North Korean Navy consisted of about 50 vessels ranging from 30 to 1,500 tons. Almost all of them were patrol types and usually mounted three-inch guns. The North Korean Navy has an estimated 5,000 officers and men.—Associated Press and United Press.

GERMANY APPEALS TO WEST

Frankfurt, July 3.

Spurred by Korea's example, the West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, today appealed formally to the Western occupying powers for definite guarantees of West German security. The plea was made in a letter to the High Commissioners.

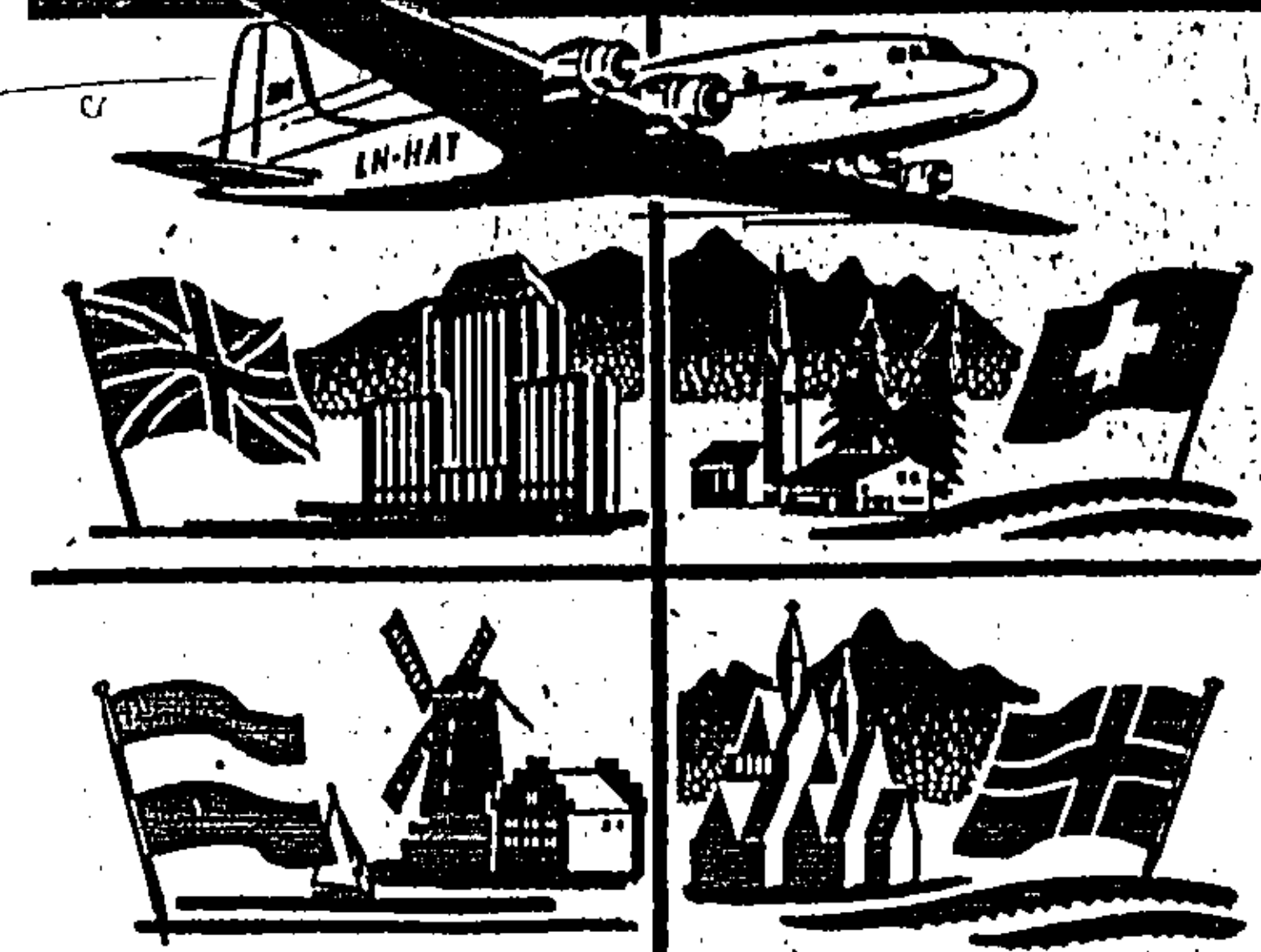
At the last formal meeting with the Commissioners, Dr. Adenauer agreed to postpone the security guarantee issue until a more appropriate time but German politicians and newspapers have hammered on the theme that there is no more appropriate time than now, when South Korea is being invaded in a thrust which many Germans fear can be paralleled here.

The Western answer has been that the presence of occupation troops is a guarantee, but many Germans say that is not enough. Dr. Adenauer wants a promise that the Western powers are prepared to defend Germany so that it would not be overrun in case of a Russian attack.

Dr. Adenauer is supported by such papers as the "Munich Merkur," which said: "We have decided in favour of the West and we believe we are in a position to demand from the West that we be saved from the fate of Korea by timely pledges of help and adequate security guarantees."

In London, the Big Three study group met behind closed doors today to discuss revision of the Occupation Statute for Western Germany under which the Bonn Government will be given larger powers. The group of British, French and American experts held their first exploratory and confidential meeting at the Foreign Office. The experts will make recommendations to the Big Three Foreign Ministers, who meet in New York in September.—United Press.

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Seen after their wedding at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church are 29-year-old Dr. Cheng Din, son of Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, Chinese Ambassador to London from 1946 until early this year, and his bride, formerly Miss Foo Kam-pui. Mrs. Cheng is the daughter of Dr. Foo Ping-sheung, Ambassador to Moscow from 1944 to 1949, who flew from Paris to give her away.—AP Photo

United Nations now facing its most crucial test

Geneva, July 3.

The United Nations was facing the most crucial test of its whole existence, Senator Herman Santa Cruz, Chilean President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, told the first meeting of the Council's eleventh session here today.

The delegates from Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia were not present at the meeting.

BRITAIN TO STAY IN SUEZ

Cairo, July 3.

The Korean war is believed to have sounded the death knell of Egyptian hopes of getting British troops out of the Suez Canal.

Egyptian leaders had hoped to get a favourable answer from Field-Marshal Sir William Slim when he returns from the Far East via Alexandria on July 11, but observers believe the British certainly have changed their minds about leaving the Canal Zone now.

Most Egyptians welcomed the United States' firm stand despite the Government's official policy of abstention. In the Security Council and took it to mean that any Russian or Russian-supported attempt to create trouble in Iran or other Middle Eastern States would be met just as quickly and firmly by the Americans.

However, there have been some important voices raised in opposition to the United States' stand, including that of Senator Mahmoud Abdul Fath, owner of the prominent morning daily newspaper, "Al Mistry", and once a frequent visitor to America.

Senator Fath charged that the United States wants to "force the Arabs to accept the loss of an Arab country (Palestine)" and asked: "Why do the Americans express surprise if the Arabs turn in despair to the Russians instead of the their friends in Washington and their allies in London?" —United Press.

JETS FOR ALASKA

Burbank, California, July 3. Twelve jet fighter planes took off here today on a delivery flight of 3,000 miles to Anchorage, Alaska, where they will augment the jet squadrons already on an alert.—Reuter.

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North Korea accuses U.S. of "aggression"

Lake Success, July 3.

The North Korean authorities, in a Russian-language cable to the United Nations, today accused the United States of "bare-faced aggression." They also charged America with trying to establish "imperialist domination" in the Far East and warned that the Koreans would now fight a "holy war" against all attacks.

A cable received here by way of Moscow came from Mr. Pak Hen Yen, the Foreign Minister of the Korean People's Democratic Republic, and sent from Pyongyang, the Northern capital.

The cable said: "American imperialists have long dreamed of establishing their domination in the Far East." It then recounted past events allegedly supporting this accusation.

It said that because "North Korea" had become the base for a struggle for unity and independence, the South Korean Republic and the United States had plans to "throttle it by military force." The cable then declared: "The American imperialists committed a desperate mistake in unleashing a civil war in Korea. The troops of Syngman Rhee have met with fitting resistance and under the blows of the People's Army, which has counter-attacked, are fleeing in disorder to the South."

"The gallant People's Army, in defence of the freedom and independence of the Korean people, is continuing to pursue the enemy."

"Holy war"

"The complete bankruptcy of the Syngman Rhee regime has today become obvious. Seeing the collapse of their plans for the colonisation of Korea, the American imperialists are reinforcing their armed intervention against the Korean people."

"They want to drown the freedom of Korea in the blood of its patriots but they will not frighten the freedom-loving Korean people. In reply to the bare-faced aggression of the United States, the Korean people will gather even more closely under the banner of the Korean People's Democratic Republic."

WESTERN BERLIN BACK TO NORMAL

Berlin, July 3.

West Berlin functioned normally tonight with its own electric and water supply completely independent of the Soviet sector and the surrounding Russian zone.

The East sector shut off its water conduits to the West this morning, carrying out a threat voiced a week ago in an argument over payments.

Electric current from the East was cut on Sunday as an outcome of the same kind of argument over rates.

The change-over caused scarcely a ripple where once it would have been a catastrophe. The West, with Allied backing, built up their own power and water sources to self-sufficiency standards as a direct lesson learned from the Russian blockade of 1948-49.

One district of West Berlin—Neukölln—was handicapped for a

few hours today by the water shutoff, but this situation was rectified later.

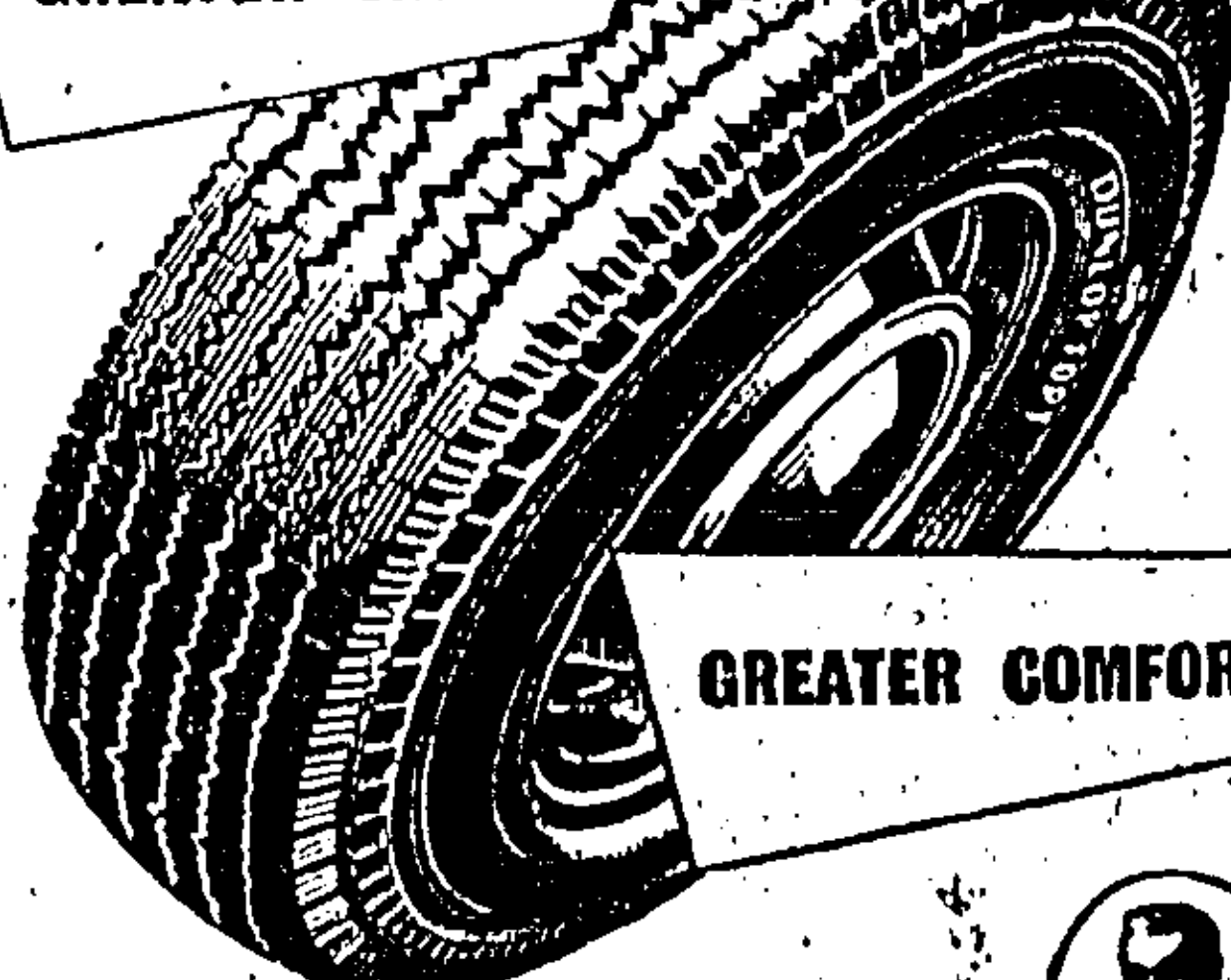
The temporary lack of water was due to pumping conditions requiring more time to raise the levels in the Neukölln system which is on ground higher than other districts and is also the most distant from the pumping stations.

Allied and German authorities said the water supply and equipment for West Berlin is adequate for all possible needs.

The same assurance given for the electric power was borne out in the past two days by continued normal functioning.—Associated Press.

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The note said that American airmen were "brutally bombing our peaceful population and flying over Pyongyang and other points in North Korea and liberated cities of the People's Army with the purpose of hindering their victorious advance Southward."

The note told the UN that North Korean forces in the past week had "cleared the enemy out of a large area of the Southern half of the Republic and liberated Seoul, the national capital."

Most of the communique was filled with the usual Communist attack on U. S. policies.

Mr. Lio busy

The UN Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, conferred in his office with various officials today but there was no announcement about his talks.

It was said that he is devoting his whole time to the Korean problem and has done nothing lately about his 10 point plan for restoring peace in the United Nations between East and West.

North Korea's protest was circulated to members of the Security Council on the theory that North Korea, while not a member of the UN is a party to the dispute.—Reuter and Associated Press.

U.S. MANOEUVRES IN EGYPT

Cairo, July 3.

The U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, spent more than an hour today with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Saleh el Din Bey.

They are reported to have discussed the Korean issue, on which Egypt is the only non-Communist nation so far to refuse support for the American-led United Nations defence of South Korea.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, met the Egyptian Premier, Nuhus Pasha, on the same question on Saturday.

Both the U.S. and Britain are believed to be trying to convince Egypt to join the other non-Communist powers in supporting the UN Korean decision.—Associated Press.

NO EVIDENCE OF RED AIRMEN

Washington, July 3.

The Defence Department said today that there was no evidence of Russian-maned planes taking part in the attacks on South Korea.

A spokesman said that it was probable that the planes reported to be carrying the Soviet insignia may have been confused with aircraft of the North Korean Air Force, which also carry a Red Star.

The distinguishing feature of the North Korean markings is believed to be two circles around the star.—Reuter.

CLASH IN FRENCH INDIA

Pondicherry, French India, July 3.

Unidentified gunmen today wounded 20 people among an angry crowd who attacked the city residence of Professor Lambert Saravane, French India Deputy in the National Assembly in Paris.

After a roadside attack on a mill-worker by unknown people, the crowd gathered before Professor Saravane's home, where the gunmen opened fire. One person was seriously wounded.

Police were rushed to the scene and threw a ring around the house but daylight investigations yielded no trace of the assailants.

Later, in a wooded area on the road and removed to hospital, unconscious.

This fresh ferment in the city follows the efforts of Professor Saravane to organise a new political party to agitate for the merger of the French Indian settlements with the Indian Republic. Of the five small settlements one, Chandernagore, has already merged with India. The other four are to hold a referendum to decide the question.

Professor Saravane told Reuter last month that his chief rivals in his efforts were local Socialists headed by M. Edouard Goubert, whose policy in the merger issue is still unknown.

Today's attack was the second on Professor Saravane's house by riotous crowds in recent weeks.—Reuter.

NO MOBILISING AT PRESENT

Washington, July 3.

The American Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, said today that there was no present intention to mobilise reserves in the United States in connection with the Korean crisis.

Mr. Johnson made the statement to White House reporters after a conference at which he gave President Truman news of the developments in the Korean fighting.

He was commenting on a columnist's report today that the first step in a limited mobilisation might come this week, with a call for "volunteer reserves" to report for active duty.

The columnist said "This step is imperative if the Navy, for example, is to get the personnel to man the ships needed this very month."

Asked if there was any prospect of a partial mobilisation, Mr. Johnson replied, "Not at the present time."—Reuter.

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Korea crumbling, says journalist

By William Courtenay

Korea, for long a bone of contention between the influences of East and West, is crumbling—the Korea I saw a few weeks after the Allies entered Japan in 1945.

When I paid my third visit to Korea last summer, the U.S. forces had withdrawn. The United Nations Mission, established in January, 1948, was refused admission to Northern Korea by the Russians.

But independence was granted. General MacArthur, making only his second visit outside Japan since 1945, attended the ceremonies. Syngman Rhee, the 75-year-old patriot, became President of South Korea.

Russian training

The Russians were said to have trained a Korean Communist army 200,000 strong. In the South, American officers were busy training about 20 regiments of Korean troops.

Many of them had fought for Japan, and some had flying experience. They were equipped with 105mm. artillery pieces and demonstrated for me how quickly they could spring into action. They also possessed 57mm. anti-tank guns and 12 ultra light planes. One had flown over to the Russians. One had already crashed. The other 10 were employed on communication duties up and down the valleys.

I rode on the railway to the 38th Parallel—frontier between North and South Korea—and also visited it by road from Seoul, the capital, 40 miles south.

This railway really begins at Chahis, and in the days of the Tsars one could travel through France, Germany, Poland and Russia to Siberia, on through Manchuria to Korea as far as Pusan in the South and there gaze across at Japan.

Today all that railway east of Berlin is in Russian-controlled hands—except for the last 250 miles from the 38th Parallel to Pusan. If Korea falls, the whole line will be in Russian hands.

Southern Korea is green and lovely; all the rice for the country grows there. In the north beyond the Iron Curtain lie all the sources of hydro-electric power, the coal and some British-owned gold-mines, as well as other mineral resources.

Lights out

The Russians in the North controlled the flow of electricity supply to the U.S. Army in the South, and by the flick of a switch could put out the lights in General Hodges's office at Seoul.

From the beginning the Russians refused all collaboration with U.S. General Hodges in the South. Save for allowing the mail to travel by train to and from North and South—so they could censor it all—no traffic used the line.

Refugee flow

And in recent months the Russians have tried to stem the flow of refugees from North to South by sealing the frontier, which does not have a continuous defence line.

Thus, while the South possesses the manpower—20,000,000 people against 7,000,000 in the North—it does not possess the factories or the arms. Communist infiltration might bring a rising in Syngman Rhee's rear both in Seoul and Pusan.

America maintains one air base at Kimpo Airport at Seoul. There, too, Northwest Air Lines

and one or two others maintain commercial airlines between Japan, Korea and the U.S.

But precautions were taken long ago to keep no equipment at the airports but to do all maintenance in Japan; and an elaborate plan was prepared for evacuation of all American and British civilians and the U.S. advisory forces if trouble started.

Whoever holds all Korea with all the air bases in Manchuria behind it places Japan strategically in the same position which Britain occupied when Hitler overran Europe.

For this reason America has fortified the island of Okinawa—1,000 miles south of Tokyo, though but 300 miles south of Japan.

Atom proof

There, throughout the war, the Japanese kept 50,000 men building vast underground caves. These are atom bomb proof. America planned about 20 airfields at Okinawa in 1945, from which we were to invade Japan in "Operation Olympic" on November 1, 1945, had not Japan surrendered in August.

Today from the airfields of Okinawa jet fighters and bombers could deny entry into Japan to any Power seeking to make landings on the Japanese coast from Korea.

But the mountainous nature of Korea provides room for few airfields of the size which modern jet aircraft require.

Any air aid to Korea from the U.S. would have to operate from Japanese airfields, which are safer as they are under American protection.

Nehru message to Acheson

New Delhi, July 4.

India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, in a message of greetings to Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, on American Independence Day today, said his visit to the United States last year strengthened his belief that in co-operation with other democratic and liberty-loving nations, the United States of America can make a mighty contribution towards world peace and prosperity.

Mr. Acheson, replying, said, "It is a source of profound satisfaction that the good wishes of India should be voiced by one of our generation's living symbols of the urge of the peoples of the world for freedom."

They confirmed American convictions of India's dedication of the common effort of all free peoples.—Reuter.

ARP URGED ON BROADSTAIRS

Broadstairs, July 3.

The Town Council of Broadstairs, on the South East coast of England, was urged tonight to make preparations for civil defence because a Councillor said, "England will be at war with a major Power by 1952."

The Councillor, Mr. C. H. Tyers, former naval lieutenant-commander, told members, "People do not take civil defence seriously enough. Three years ago I publicly stated that we would be at war with a major Power in five years and I have not changed my opinion."

The Council decided to ask for volunteers for the post of district air raid warden.—Reuter.

World market nervousness renewed

London, July 3.

World markets again turned nervous this morning, according to reports to Comtel, the world economic news agency.

Tin and rubber in Singapore lost part of their advance of Saturday but gold remained erratic in several markets.

In Bombay gold extended its sharp advance of Saturday.

The London Stock Exchange turned downward again on renewed selling.

Continued heaviness in today's session on the Paris Bourse was attributed by experts to the bad news from Korea.

Gold moved upward again, from 483,000 to 492,000 a kilogram. With it went the black market dollar, from 387 to 390.—Reuter and Associated Press.

TRAIN COLLISION

Vienna, July 3.

According to an Austrian Press agency report from Graz, a serious railway accident occurred today between Fuerstenfeld and Bleiburg, in Styria.

Forty-six were injured, 15 of them so seriously that some cases are feared to be hopeless. Trucks which were being shunted collided with a passenger train near Elberbaum station.—Reuter.

Assassins spreading fear through Saigon

Saigon, July 3.

The series of major political assassinations spread fear throughout Vietnam today as the Communist guerrillas answered President Truman's promise of increased military aid for the Vietnamese Government by stepping up their terrorist campaign.

Truong Vanem, director of the Vietnam daily newspaper "Ahn Sang", was shot dead as he left his garage for work.

The assassin threw grenades to cover his escape. The victim had been wounded in an earlier ambush and was only one of the Press leaders marked for death in the Vietnam attack against French censorship and the anti-Communist Press.

The United States aid representative, Robert Blum, narrowly escaped death last week when his car was fired on North of Hanoi. American, French and Vietnamese officials are heavily guarded when they travel the isolated country roads where Vietminh triggermen have ambushed several Government parties recently.

On Friday, the Vietnam Under-Secretary of State was killed as he sat in his office.

A few days earlier, Jack Evans, representative of the British-American Tobacco Company, and two acquaintances were shot leaving his office.

Dozens killed
Rene Bazin, deputy chief of the French security forces in Indo-China, recently was killed in a

Schuman plan conference

Paris, July 3.

Negotiations on the proposed European coal-steel merger were resumed here this afternoon. A communiqué issued afterwards stated: "The delegations (from France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium) explained the results of the exchanges of views which they have had during the past week with their Governments and with experts."

"The negotiations will continue. Study groups will be set up to examine concrete proposals posed by the application of the French proposal. The delegations will meet again tomorrow at 4.00 p.m. B.S.T."

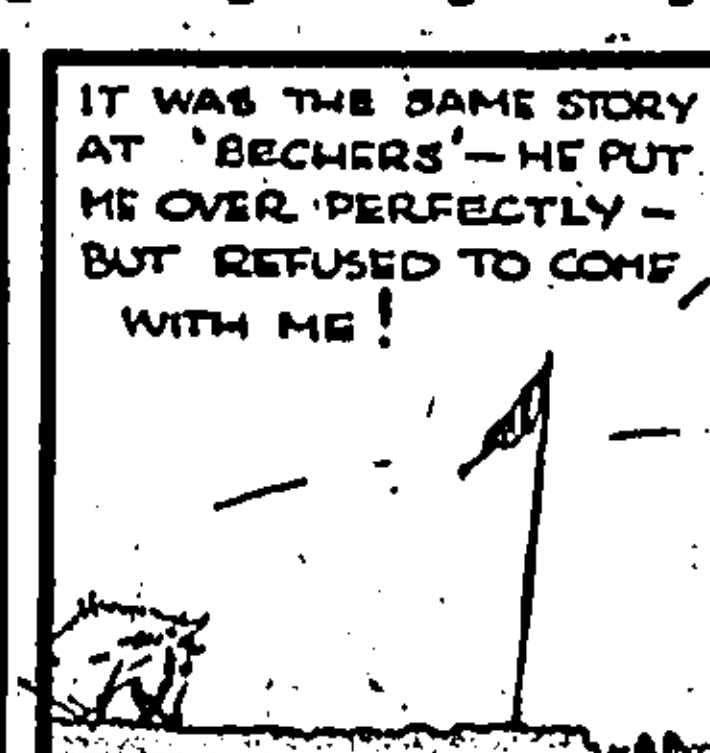
Reuters learned in usually reliable quarters that the study groups will be: (1) a judicial group to determine the powers of the high authority which will direct the merger; (2) an economic group to study prices; and (3) a social group to study the effects on populations of the plan.—Reuter.

LEVEL CROSSING TRAGEDY

St. Amour, July 3.

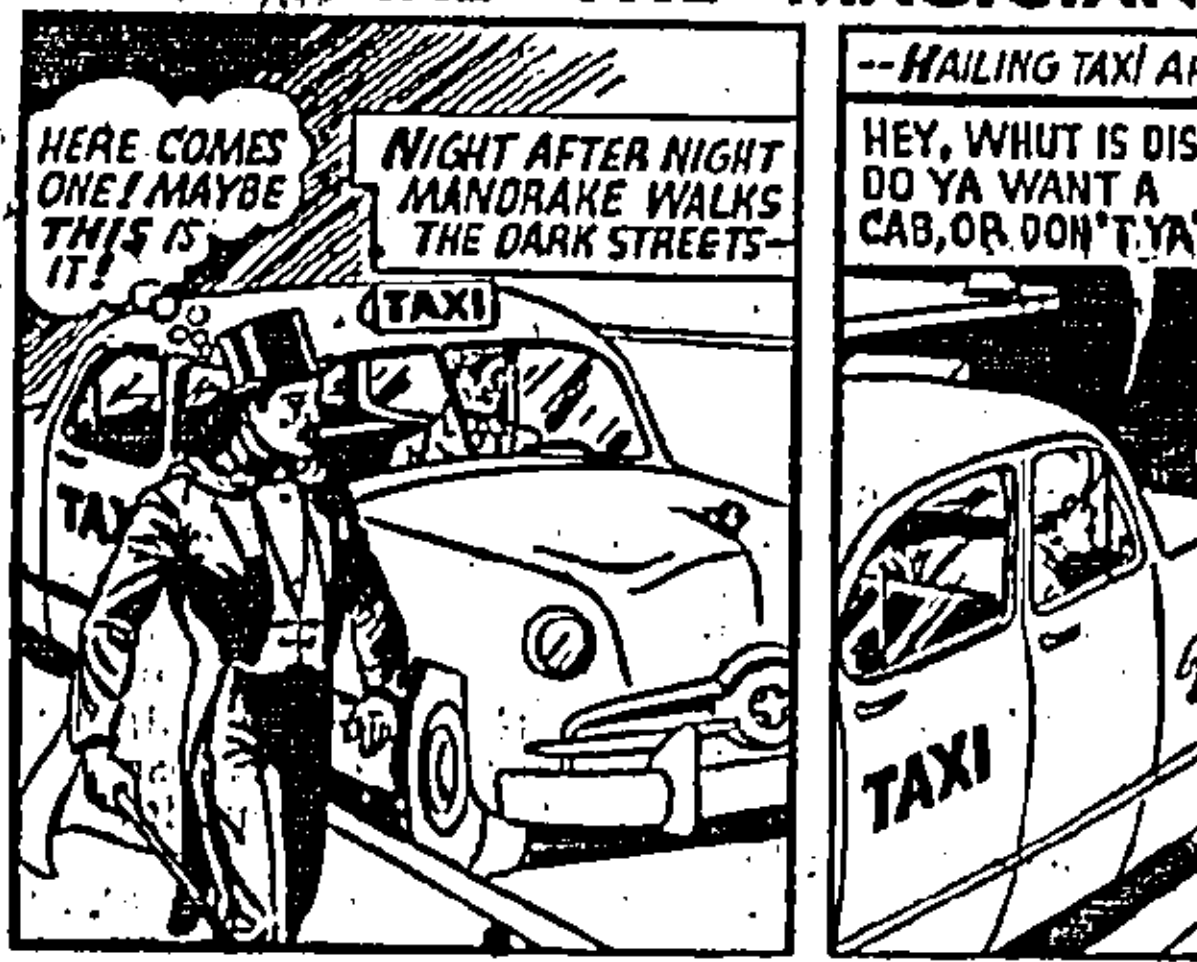
An express train crashed into a bus loaded with holiday makers at a crossing here early today, killing 25 on the bus and injuring one.—United Press.

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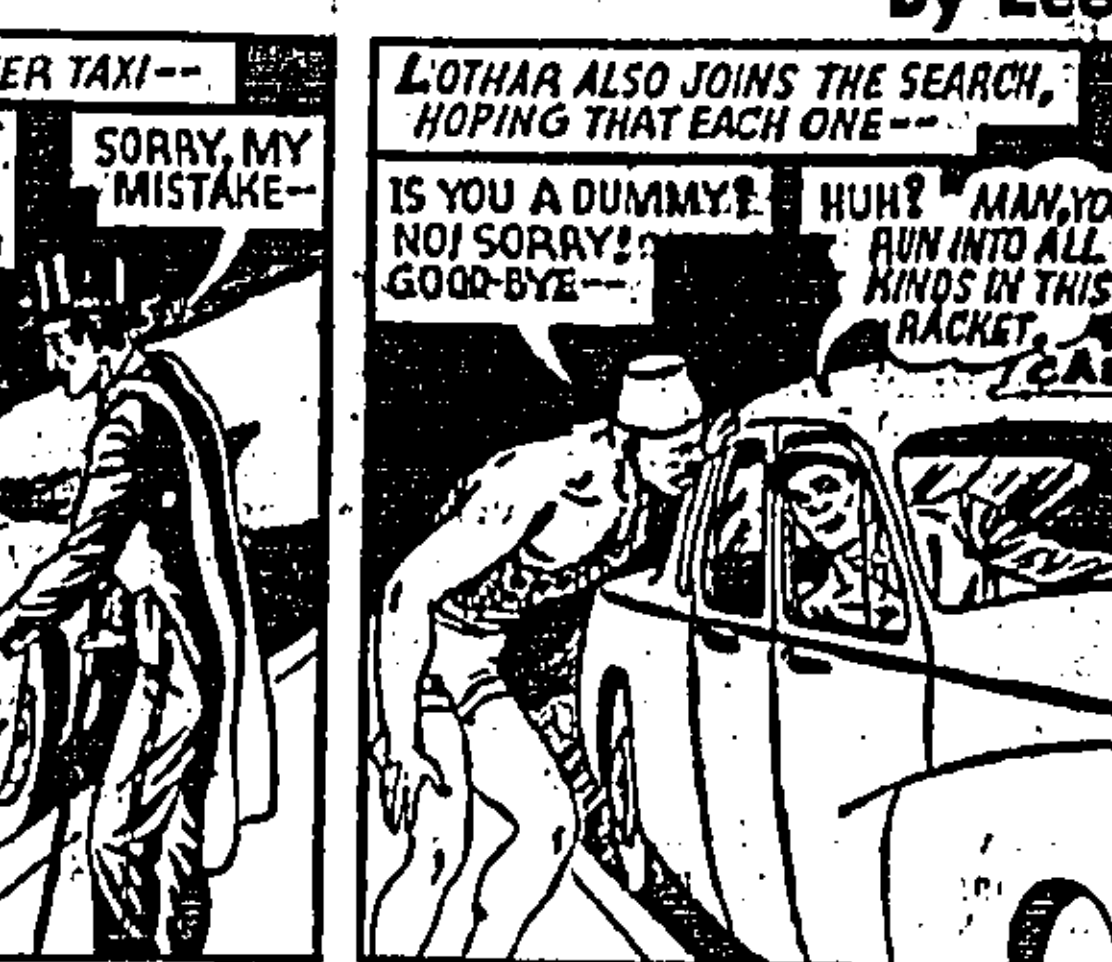


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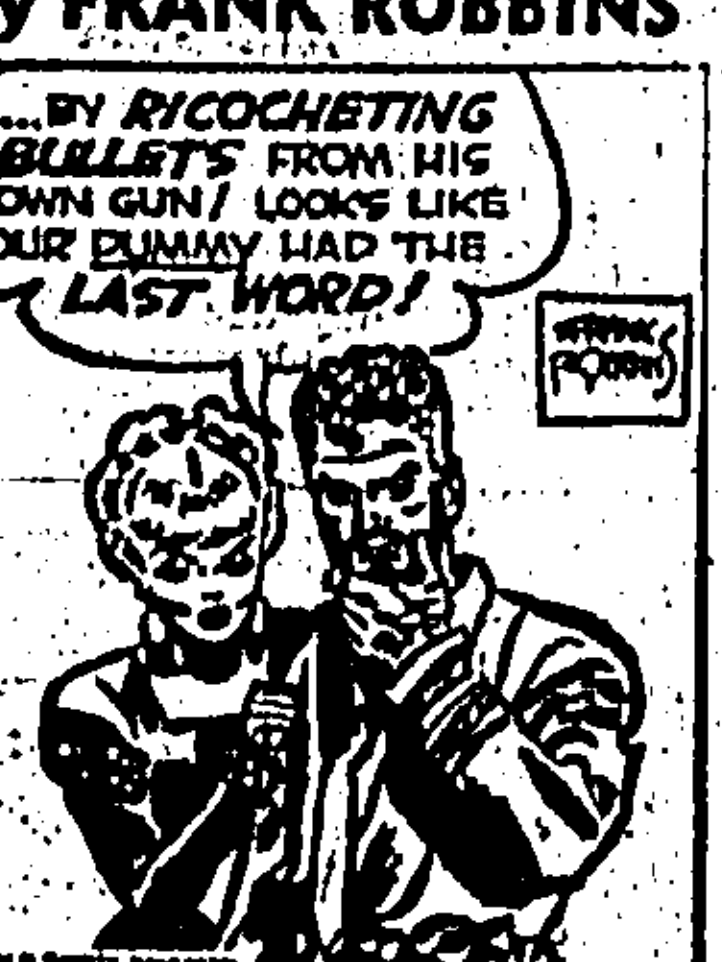
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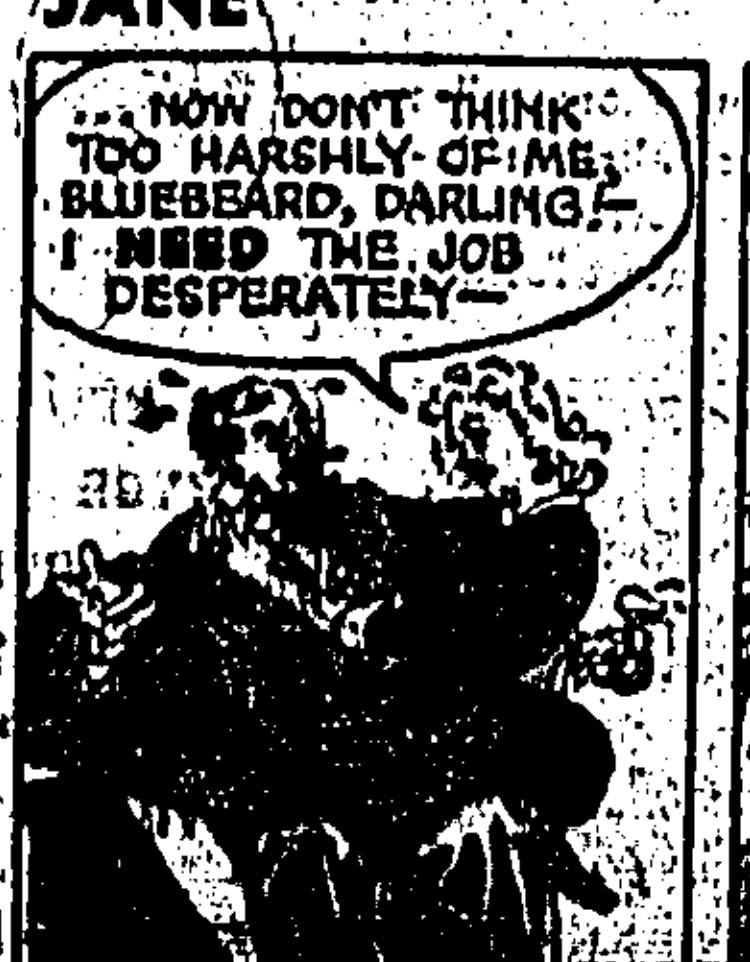
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Shipping Arrivals

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Francisco
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Cebu
Mokur (Gibb Living) ex-Japan KW
Sarat (Mac Mac) ex-Nagasaki A.C.

TODAY

Chunann (Jardine) ex-Tientsin
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Atlantic
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Japan

TOMORROW

Chinese Prince (Jardine) ex-Atlantic
China (Dowell) ex-Atlantic
Rays (RIL) ex-South America

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Emile Murek (Jensen) for Kobe
Pioneer (B & S) for Manila
San Bernardino (Mann) for Singapore
Shenling (B & S) for Kelung
Sarat (Mac Mac) for Guam

TODAY

Chunann (Jardine) for Tientsin
Tulane (Dowell) for Atlantic

TOMORROW

Chinese Prince (Jardine) for Atlantic
China (Dowell) for Country (Bank Line) for
Europe
Eastern (Mac Mac) for Australia
ILIC Transport (Jardine) for Pacific
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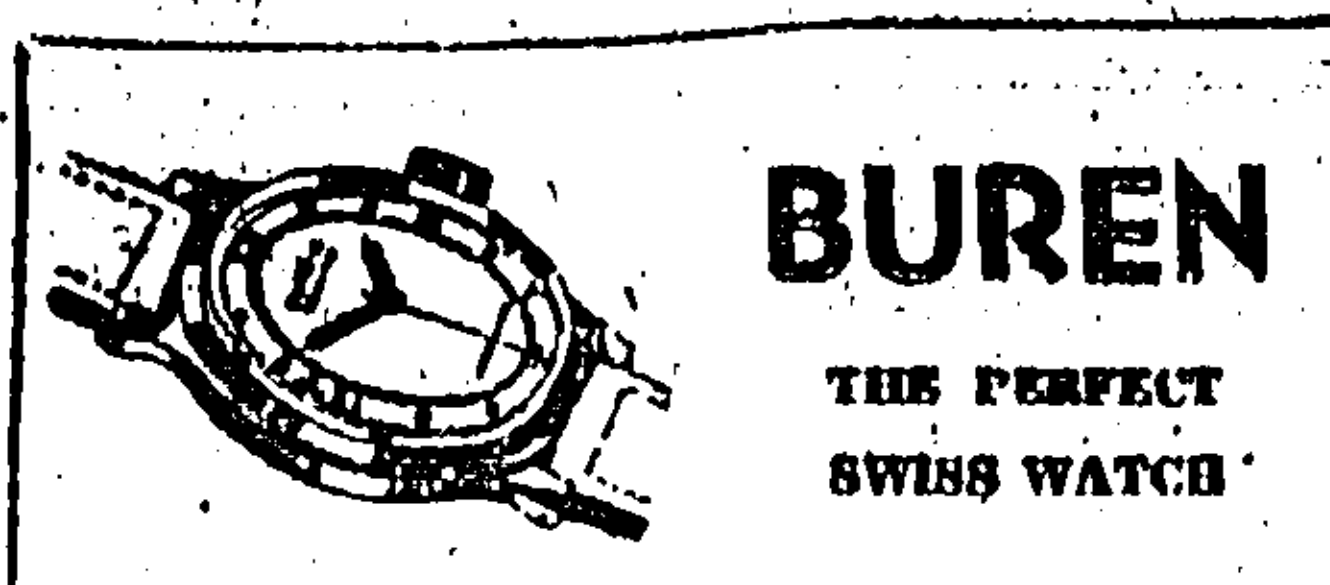
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HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1950.



Wimbledon Tennis:

RAIN PREVENTED A SINGLE MATCH BEING COMPLETED

Wimbledon, July 3.

Rain all morning and most of the afternoon prevented a single match being completed in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships today.

But the decision to end play after about an hour in poor light and when further rain fell may have saved the two top-seeded players in the men's singles—Frank Sedgman, of Australia and Billy Talbert, of the United States.

Talbert was trailing Budge Patty, of the United States, 6-3, 4-6 and 2-5 on Court No. 1, and Sedgman was behind Art Larsen, of the United States, 8-10 and 2-2 on the Centre Court when the tournament referee ordered play to cease for the day.

Both Sedgman and Larsen appeared to be hampered by the murky light and by the slippery surface. Sedgman, discarding his shoes in the second set, both men were misjudging the bounce of the damp balls as Larsen ran ahead 3-1.

Sedgman recovered to draw level at four-all, and he again levelled when Larsen had broken through in the 15th game to lead 8-7, but another break through by the American led to his taking the set.

After losing the first set to Talbert, Patty found some brilliant volleys to take the lead and Talbert lost control altogether on the greasy turf.

Damp and dejected

Thousands of tennis fans had waited doggedly for more than six hours when the short-lived season of play started. They had stood, damp and dejected, for hours under the cover of passages and gunways leading to the Centre Court, watching the rain beating solidly down.

For the first time in 13 years, the famous tournament's traditional fine weather had deserted it.

Flags and bunting were soaked and bedraggled and the towns, on which last week large crowds gathered, were partially flooded. The five main courts were covered and it had been hoped to start the play within half an hour of the rain stopping.

Some 6,000 determined but damp enthusiasts waited patiently throughout the afternoon but they saw nothing but rain until the two quarter-final games commenced.

Just after 5.00 p.m. BST, it was announced that playing light and weather conditions

were favourable before 7.00 p.m. play would start on the Centre and No. 1 Courts, but at the time it was still raining.

The glamour parade of fashionable women was masked by mackintoshes and umbrellas.

Each time there was a stoppage of the rain the hopefuls started a slow hand-clapping, hoping that the coverings would be removed, but it was always premature for the rain never stayed off for more than a few minutes.

A crowd of 250 tonight demonstrated in front of the main entrance to the All England Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon, for tomorrow's play because of the rain's matches had been stopped by heavy rain.

More than 30 policemen linked arms in front of the entrance to prevent the crowd from pushing into Britain's most exclusive sporting club.

Later the Committee distributed talismans containing the Centre Court seats tomorrow without queuing. The demonstrators then dispersed quietly.

BRAZIL'S NATIONAL SOCCER PLAYERS HAVE ENVIABLE JOB

Rio de Janeiro, July 3.

Brazilian players are to receive £200 each for every match they play in the final pool of the World Cup—a total of £600 each.

They are to get a further £500 each if they win the trophy.

With other emoluments already received, each player may get something like £2,000 from the Championships.

In addition, the City of Rio de Janeiro is now considering what awards should be made to the Brazilian team if they prove victorious.

Business houses, firms and stores are likely to make them handsome presents.

Being a national football player in Brazil is an enviable job.

Reuter.

LADIES GOLF:

Mrs. A.E.G. Haig wins L.G.U. Monthly Medal

Mrs. A. E. G. Haig won the L. G. U. Monthly Medal with a nett 76 on the New Course.

Players are reminded that the L. G. U. Medal is played on the first Tuesday of each month and continues throughout the summer months.

Two competitions which had been planned at Deep Water Bay for the month of May were cancelled due to bad weather. The competitions for July are: Three Club Medal on Tuesday, July 11, and a Stapleford on Thursday, July 20.

Players will arrange their own partners for both events.

The winner of the qualifying round for the Captain's Cup for the month of May was Mrs. J. Ketola with a nett 76. Mrs. J. Wai was runner-up.

The Glover Cup which is played each year at Deep Water Bay was won by Mrs. F. D. Hunter when she beat Mrs. J. Wai on the 18th green in the finals.

The foursomes which have been played over the past two months were won by Mrs. J. Collis and Mrs. F. D. Hunter, and the runners-up were Mrs. A. E. G. Haig and Mrs. M. Muckle.

From July 5 to July 31, inclusive, a running electric will be held at Deep Water Bay for the Ladies.

A limit of four cards to be taken by any player, i.e. nine holes per card.

Players are asked to read the notices concerning the rules of these competitions, local rules, etc. which are posted in the Ladies Room at the Club House at Deep Water Bay.

Reuter.

Record-making golf in British Open

Troon, Ayrshire, July 3.

Some brilliant record-making golf marked the first of the two qualifying rounds today in the British Open Championship on the Old Troon and Lochgreen courses here.

Flory Van Donck, of Belgium, returned a record 65 on the reconstructed Old Course to equal the best round in a Championship—by Henry Cotton at Sandwich in 1934.

Charles Ward, the British Ryder Cup player, who had a 69 over the same course, set up a Championship record for nine holes with a great inward half of 30.

On the Lochgreen Course, also reconstructed, Bobby Locke, the South African holder of the title, created a new record with 68 after Ossie Pickworth, of Australia, had been round in 69.

The strength of the overseas challenge was thus evident at today's play. After tomorrow's second qualifying round the first hundred will go forward into the competition proper over the Old Course.

American challenge

The American challenge, though weakened by the scratchings of Gene Sarazen and Tony Penna, is still pronounced, as was shown by Johnny Bulla's 70 on the Old Course and the figures of 74 in each case by two crack American amateurs, Frank Stranahan, the British Amateur Champion on the Old Course, and Jimmy McHale at Lochgreen.

The Argentinians, too, look like making a bid. Antonio Cerdas with 70 and Roberto de Vicenzo with 75, both at Lochgreen, showed their worth today.

At the other end of the scale was a 92 by the lone German entrant, Hermann Tassies, who went from bunker to bunker on either side of the green before holing out there in 13.

The leading scores were: Old Course: Van Donck 65, Ward 69, followed by four others with 70.

Lochgreen: Locke 68, Pickworth 69, followed by four others with 70.

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Sailing notes:

New racing rules come into effect in August

By "MOONRAKER"

Sailing conditions over the week-end were excellent from the point of view of cruising, but strong tides and variable winds in the harbour made racing a little uncertain.

A number of cruisers and "Dragons" sailed Eastward on Sunday and were seen returning on the flooding tide after enjoying a fresh Easterly breeze outside the harbour.

Among these were La Linda, Dan and Ariki III—the latter, incidentally, providing welcome refreshment from her ice-box for a dehydrated "Star" skipper who happened to be passing at an opportune moment.

Sailing members are reminded that the new racing rules become effective in the Club as from August 1.

Extracts from these rules will shortly be available for purchase and members are requested to familiarise themselves with these as soon as possible in order to reduce the number of unnecessary protests.

Officers of the Day

The Officers of the Day for Saturday and Sunday afternoon failed to turn up, thus causing two temporary substitutes to forego their sailing.

Officers who are on duty but are unable to attend, are kindly requested to arrange a change with another member on the roster and to notify the sailing explain accordingly.

Bowling

The Bowling League is now well under way. On Friday, "Boyle's Bounders" trounced "St. John's Irregulars."

CRC Ladies assured of play-off for tennis league championship

As the result of their 6½ sets to 2½ sets win over the Ladies Recreation Club in the Ladies' Doubles "A" Division Tennis League played at Tai Hang yesterday the Chinese Recreation Club Ladies have assured themselves of at least a play-off for the Championship.

Kowloon Cricket Club Ladies defeated the United States Recreation Club Ladies in the first of their two encounters in the Ladies Doubles "A" Division Tennis League by 6½ sets to 2½ sets on the USRC courts. Should they win the return match to be played on their home courts Kowloon Cricket Club will meet the Chinese Recreation Club Ladies for a play-off for the Championship.

The following are the results of League matches played yesterday:

MEN'S DOUBLES "A" DIVISION

Recreo 4-KCC 5

Playing at Recrio the home team lost to their visitors, the Kowloon Cricket Club by the odd set in nine.

W. Reed and J. Gonsalves (Recrio) lost to Colonel Spence and F. R. Zimmern 1-6; beat E. C. Fincher and L. F. Stokes 7-5; beat T. E. Baker and F. R. Kermani 6-4.

F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodriguez (Recrio) lost to Spence and Zimmern 1-6; beat Fincher and Stokes 7-5; beat T. E. Baker and F. R. Kermani 6-4.

A. V. Remedios and G. Gosano (Recrio) lost to Spence and Zimmern 1-6; beat Fincher and Stokes 7-5; beat T. E. Baker and F. R. Kermani 6-4.

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In five matches not a ball was bowled, in one other—Warwickshire versus Leicestershire—only two overs were sent down, and all the other matches were interrupted.

In the two overs bowled at Coventry, Warwickshire lost the wicket of A. Townsend without adding to their Saturday score of 49 runs for one wicket.

Yorkshire's pace and swing bowlers had Surrey fighting desperately for runs at Sheffield, and only the captain, R. Barton and Bernard Constable remained long at the wicket.

In a fifth wicket partnership of stern defence, mixed with judicious aggression, they added 74 runs. Barton hit six fours in his 41 runs, which were scored in two hours. Constable hit five fours in his 48 runs, not out.

The England batsman, Reg Simpson, had another good innings for Notts, scoring 66 runs, not out, against Derbyshire. Using his feet well, he made the varied attack appear simple.

He and Winrow added 165 runs for the unfinished second wicket partnership. Winrow, eight runs short of his century when rain brought an early close, hit 11 boundaries, most of them to the square-leg or through the covers.

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